

**For Reference**

---

**NOT TO BE TAKEN FROM THIS ROOM**



Ex LIBRIS  
UNIVERSITATIS  
ALBERTAENSIS













THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

RELEASE FORM

NAME OF AUTHOR: SUSANNA KESMARKY  
TITLE OF THESIS: RATES OF MIGRATION OF ALKALI  
AND STRONTIUM IONS IN A  
HEATED QUARTZ MONZONITE  
DEGREE FOR WHICH THESIS WAS PRESENTED: MASTER OF SCIENCE  
YEAR THIS DEGREE GRANTED: 1977

Permission is hereby granted to THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA LIBRARY to reproduce single copies of this thesis and to lend or sell such copies for private, scholarly or scientific research purposes only.

The author reserves other publication rights, and neither the thesis nor extensive extracts from it may be printed or otherwise reproduced without the author's written permission.





Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2019 with funding from  
University of Alberta Libraries

<https://archive.org/details/Kesmarky1977>

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

RATES OF MIGRATION OF ALKALI AND STRONTIUM  
IONS IN A HEATED QUARTZ MONZONITE

by



SUSANNA KESMARKY

A THESIS

SUBMITTED TO THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH  
IN PARTIAL FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE  
OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

FALL, 1977





THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

The undersigned certify that they have read, and recommend to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, for acceptance, a thesis entitled "Rates of migration of alkali and strontium ions in a heated quartz monzonite", submitted by Susanna Kesmarky, in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science.



## ABSTRACT

Samples of the Prosperous Lake Granite were heated in air at 890°C for periods of time varying from 2.5 to 1079 hours, resulting in the migration of Na, K, Rb, and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  ions between the mineral constituents of the rock. Electron microprobe analysis demonstrated the occurrence of Na and K exchange between albite and the K-minerals (biotite, muscovite, and microcline). Biotite lost approximately 30% of its original Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ , and muscovite lost 15% of its  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  and gained an additional 10% Rb by 1079 hours of heating. No other elements migrated between minerals as a result of heating.

Using a diffusion model, coefficients for migration or diffusion for the above ions of  $10^{-15}$  to  $10^{-12}$   $\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$  were calculated. Volume diffusion of K into albite appeared to be the limiting factor in Na-K exchange in the rock. The driving force for such significant alkali exchange to occur was undoubtedly a result of changes in equilibria at the high temperatures employed.

The micas were dehydrated, with biotite undergoing considerable decomposition on a micrometre scale (but with no overall change in composition except for alkali ions) during the course of the experiment. Ionic migrations appeared to occur by non-volume diffusion in the micas. Nevertheless, rapid loss of radiogenic Sr from biotite and muscovite, with no comparable movement of other divalent cations was observed. The situation was therefore analogous to the migration of radiogenic Sr during metamorphism, illustrating the importance of thermodynamic as well as kinetic factors under both experimental and natural geologic conditions.





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to thank Dr. H. Baadsgaard for suggesting the thesis topic, for training me in isotopic methods, and for his patience and assistance during the research and writing of this thesis.

I am grateful to Dr. D.G.W. Smith for discussions regarding microprobe work, to Dr. R.St.J. Lambert for his comments on interpretation of results, and to other students in isotope geology for helpful discussions.

Financial assistance in the form of a National Research Council Postgraduate Scholarship, a Graduate Service Assistantship from the Department of Geology, and a Province of Saskatchewan Student Loan is gratefully acknowledged.

Finally, I extend my thanks to those high school and university teachers who have instilled in me a love of science, and to my parents, for their financial and emotional support during the completion of this thesis.





## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	PAGE
Abstract	iv
Acknowledgements	v
INTRODUCTION	1
SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	10
EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES	10
A. Heating Procedure	10
B. Mineral Separation	11
C. Heating of Mineral Separates	12
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION	14
A. Rb and Sr Isotopic Analytical Data	14
1. Unheated Minerals	14
2. Heated Muscovites and Biotites	19
3. Discussion of Changes in Rb and Sr <sup>87r</sup> in Muscovite and Biotite with Heating	23
B. Microprobe Results	34
1. Quantitative Energy Dispersive Analysis	34
2. Discussion of Changes in Alkali Composition of Prosperous Lake Granite with Heating	44
3. Wavelength Dispersive Analysis	48
4. X-Ray Scanning Photographs	50
C. Powder X-Ray Diffraction Data on Unheated and Heated Minerals	70
1. Biotites	70
2. Muscovites	74
3. Albites and Microclines	79
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS	81
BIBLIOGRAPHY	88
APPENDIX	93
A. Experimental Techniques	93
1. Isotopic Analysis for Rb and Sr	93
2. X-Ray Diffraction	97
3. Microprobe Analysis	97
B. Microprobe Analyses in Oxide Percents	102



# LIST OF TABLES

TABLE		PAGE
I	Rb and Sr in Unheated Microclines	15
II	Rb and Sr in Unheated Muscovites	16
III	Rb and Sr in Unheated Biotites	17
IV	Rb and Sr in Heated Muscovites	21
V	Rb and Sr in Heated Biotites	22
VI	Square Root of Time for Heating Times Employed in Experiment	26
VII	Rb and Sr <sup>87r</sup> in Biotite Corrected for Total K Concentration	31
VIII	Albites - Number of Ions per 32 Oxygens	35
IX	Microclines - Number of Ions per 32 Oxygens	36
X	Muscovites - Number of Ions per 22 Oxygens	37
XI	Biotites - Number of Ions per 23.5 Oxygens	38
XII	Element X-Ray Counts for Heated and Unheated Minerals	49
XIII	Powder X-Ray Diffraction Data on Biotites	71
XIV	Powder X-Ray Diffraction Data on Muscovites	75
XV	Standards Used in Microprobe Analysis	98
XVI	Albite Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides	104
XVII	Microcline Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides	105
XVIII	Muscovite Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides	106
XIX	Biotite Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides	107





## LIST OF FIGURES

FIGURE		PAGE
1.	Muscovites - Rb and $Sr^{87r}$ versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$	27
2.	Biotites - Rb and $Sr^{87r}$ versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$	28
3.	Biotites - Rb and $Sr^{87r}$ versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$ (corrected for total K)	32
4.	Muscovites - K versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$	41
5.	Biotites - K versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$	42
6.	Albites - Na versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$	43
7.	Microclines - K versus $\sqrt{\text{time}}$	43

## LIST OF PLATES

PLATE		PAGE
I	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Microclines	52
II	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Albites	54
III	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Muscovites	56
IV	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Biotites	58
V	X-ray Scanning Photographs - Enlargements of 1079 Hour Biotite and Muscovite	60
VI	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of 405 Hour Thin Section - Albite, Microcline Contact	62
VII	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of 405 Hour Thin Section - Biotite, Albite, Quartz Contact	64
VIII	X-Ray Scanning Photographs of 405 Hour Thin Section - Biotite, Albite, Quartz, Muscovite, Microcline Contact	66



## INTRODUCTION

The implements of the scientific method include observation, formation and testing of hypotheses, and experimentation. Utilizing mainly the first two of these investigative aids, the early geologists' task of determining events in earth history was akin to the deciphering of hieroglyphics. With the experiment already complete, it was necessary to work backwards to deduce the conditions from the results. However, the techniques of both observation and experimentation have become increasingly sophisticated, and it is now possible to simulate some geologic processes in the laboratory.

In the study of geologic events in time, the development of isotope geochronology has proven invaluable. There are three main radioactive decay schemes presently in common use for the dating of rocks and minerals: those of the potassium-argon, rubidium-strontium, and uranium/thorium-lead nuclide pairs. In order for one of these radiometric "clocks" to yield meaningful ages of crystallization of geologic units, it must be assumed that the rock or mineral being dated has been a closed system, i.e. closed to loss or gain of both parent and daughter nuclides since the time of its formation. However, discordances are often present between the ages yielded by the different radiometric decay systems. Also different minerals from a given rock may give discordant radiometric ages using only a single decay system. Thus very few geologic systems can be considered strictly "closed" from the point of view of radiometric dating.

Analytical dates obtained by these methods may sometimes be inferred to relate to major geologic events, e.g. metamorphism or in-



trusion (Moorbath, 1967), if the minerals or rocks have recrystallized or equilibrated with respect to parent and daughter nuclides on a hand specimen or regional scale during the event. Re-equilibration occurs due to thermodynamic instability, and to the increased mobilities of ionic species in minerals resulting from the increased temperature and/or pressure. In particular, daughter nuclides of radioactive decay would be expected to occupy thermodynamically and geochemical unstable niches, and likely would relocate to more favorable sites. Thus, dates obtained depend on geochemical migration, or diffusion, which in turn depends on temperature and other parameters. Significant diffusion may occur well below crystallization temperatures, at temperatures which may be maintained for many millions of years after crystallization. Later, small thermal events may also result in diffusion of some species, yet show no evidence on petrographic examination. Therefore, in areas of complex geologic history, with discordant ages, the dates themselves may have almost no time significance (Moorbath, 1967).

When can one assume equilibrium, or that rock systems have been closed? What are the rates and temperature dependence of diffusive processes in rocks? The geochronologist needs answers to these questions to unravel geologic history. But such questions lie within the realms of the physical chemist! Nevertheless, the kinetics of diffusive processes constitutes a subject which is assuming great importance in all branches of geology, including geochronology. The upsurge of interest in this area of research is evidenced by the publication of Geochemical Transport and Kinetics (1974) by the Carnegie Institute of Washington. In particular, the paper by B.J. Giletti pertains to diffusion as related to geochronology and summarizes research in the area





up to 1974. The following discussion is concerned mainly with work relevant to diffusion involving the Rb/Sr method of dating.

A common pattern could often be discerned in discordant Rb/Sr mineral ages, leading to the development of the isochron plot by Nicolaysen (1961, in Faure and Powell, 1972). Where co-existent minerals had re-equilibrated with respect to strontium isotopes during a metamorphic event, the mineral isochron could be used to date the event, since the initial strontium isotopic composition would not have to be assumed. Subsequent interpretations of discordant ages obtained by the Rb/Sr method have presupposed redistribution of radiogenic Sr during metamorphism, analogous to loss of radiogenic argon when K/Ar dating is used.

Various researchers have studied the diffusion of radiogenic nuclides in geologic field settings affected by a thermal event, e.g. contact metamorphism. Hart et al. (1968) discussed the discordant mineral age relations in the vicinity of a granitic intrusive, the Eldora stock. Rb/Sr and K/Ar ages were determined in the Precambrian basement rocks at varying distances away from the contact. All mineral ages were found to increase (to variable extents) with distance away from the contact, and a hierarchy of stability of the mineral ages to the thermal metamorphism was also established. Heat flow models were used to estimate temperature as a function of distance from the contact. The age variations were then described in terms of simple diffusive loss of the daughter products, argon and strontium, assuming spherical diffusion geometry. Diffusion coefficients were calculated using the ages to determine the amount of loss of these nuclides, and were plotted according to an Arrhenius relationship, using temperatures obtained by the heat flow models. Activation energies on the order



of 15 to 30 kcal/mole (depending on the heat flow model used) for the diffusion of argon and strontium in biotite were obtained. The effect of grain size on losses of radiogenic Sr in biotite was also investigated. Fine-grained biotite yielded lower Rb/Sr ages than coarse grained biotite. The radial distribution of Rb, K, and Sr in flakes of biotite was studied. Radiogenic strontium was found to decrease, normal strontium to increase, and potassium and rubidium to remain essentially constant (decrease slightly) in concentration from the center to the rim of the grain. The above results indicated that low Rb/Sr ages were indeed due to loss of radiogenic strontium, and not to gain of rubidium, and that diffusion was controlled by particle size.

A similar study was carried out by Hanson and Gast (1967) on the effects of thermal metamorphism near the contacts of two mafic intrusives. Activation energies of 50 to 75 kcal/mole for the loss of radiogenic argon and strontium due to simple volume diffusion were obtained. A more general mathematical formulation for describing the kinetics of contact metamorphism was given by Gray (1971). The above studies have yielded variable results due to the assumptions involved and the requirement for having an accurate model of the thermal history in order to determine diffusivities.

The other main approach to investigate diffusion of geochronologically important nuclides has been to study the self-diffusion\* of these nuclides in pure minerals under controlled laboratory conditions. Geologic processes are not amenable to direct observation or even repro-

---

\*self-diffusion, the migration of a single atomic species, usually studied using isotopic tracers, as compared to interdiffusion, diffusion characterized by exchange of one ionic species for another (Giletti, 1974 A)





duction due to the time factor involved. In the past ten years, experimental petrology has become more refined, so that many experimental parameters besides temperature and pressure can be controlled (Hewitt and Gilbert, 1975), however, no petrologist, no matter his longevity, can hope to conduct an experiment completely true to nature. It is therefore often necessary to employ higher temperatures or catalysts in experimental petrology, and, although limitations are inherent in the procedure, to extrapolate the results to conditions actually occurring geologically.

The diffusion of argon in many minerals has been extensively studied, but investigations of diffusion affecting the Rb-Sr system have, as yet, been few. A.W. Hofmann (1974), studying the diffusion of Ca and Sr in a dry basalt melt, found that equilibration on a centimeter scale would require a few years, but on a kilometer scale would not be complete even in the lifetime of the earth, as estimated from the magnitude of the diffusion coefficients alone. Diffusion coefficients in solid silicate systems are usually several orders of magnitude lower than in silicate melts. Most experiments have utilized isotopic exchange of minerals with hydrothermal solutions, but early studies along this line often resulted in chemical reaction instead of diffusion.

The most extensive and consistent work has been carried out by Giletti and coworkers at Brown University. Giletti (1974 A) discussed various criteria of experimental design necessary for the measurement of self-diffusion coefficients of ionic species in minerals, including stability of the mineral under the conditions of the experiment, and maintenance of electrical neutrality. The research group





employed isotopic exchange of minerals (albite, microcline, biotite) with hydrothermal solutions that were in equilibrium with the minerals, except for isotopic disequilibrium of the element under study, at 2 kbar pressure, in the temperature range from 300° to 800°C. Diffusion coefficients were estimated from experimental data assuming cylindrical or spherical diffusion geometries.

Hofmann and Giletti (1970) investigated K, Rb, Na, and Sr diffusion in biotite. The potassium diffusivity was approximately three times that for rubidium, and sodium diffused faster than potassium, but diffusion constants for Na and radiogenic Sr did not appear to differ from those for K and Rb by more than one order of magnitude. Initially, high diffusion rates were observed, after which the diffusion coefficients decreased with increasing run duration, suggesting that more than one diffusion mechanism was operative. The advent of the ion microprobe has made it possible to study very small diffusion gradients and diffusion anisotropy. The ion microprobe was applied to re-investigate the K diffusion in the above biotite, with the result that K diffusivity was found to be two to four orders of magnitude greater in the a or b crystallographic directions than in the c-axis direction (Hofmann et al., 1974). Giletti (1974 A) has also referred to preliminary results from Hofmann's and Foland's theses, indicating that for Sr diffusion in biotite and orthoclase, there appeared to be no difference in the diffusivities of radiogenic and non-radiogenic Sr.

Kasper (1974) studied cation (Na, K, Rb) diffusion in the Amelia albite, calculated diffusion coefficients assuming spherical diffusion geometry, and obtained activation energies ( $Q$ ) for diffusion of these ions from 25 to 50 kcal/mole ( $Q_{\text{Rb}} < Q_{\text{Na}} < Q_{\text{K}}$ ). The K diffusion was



again investigated by Giletti (1974 B) using an ion microprobe. An activation energy of 38 kcal/mole K in the (001) crystallographic direction was obtained. The diffusion coefficient in the (010) direction was one-tenth that in the (001) direction at 800°C.

Foland (1974) discussed alkali (Na, K, Rb) diffusion in the Benson Mines orthoclase. Both cylindrical and spherical models for diffusion were utilized to calculate diffusion coefficients, which were 2.5 times higher using the cylindrical model. Activation energies from 50 to 75 kcal/mole were obtained, increasing in the order  $Q_{Na} < Q_K \leq Q_{Rb}$ . Diffusivities (diffusion coefficients, D) increased in the order  $D_{Rb} < D_K < D_{Na}$ . Foland concluded that "for alkali diffusion" (in orthoclase) "the rates decrease and the activation energies increase with increasing ionic size." The K diffusivity was much smaller than Na diffusivity (e.g. at 800°C,  $D_{Na} \sim 1000 D_K \sim 3000 D_{Rb}$ ) and the difference increased with increasing temperature, suggesting different mechanisms of diffusion between Na and K or Rb. Some ion exchange (interdiffusion) experiments of orthoclase with (K, Na) Cl solutions were also attempted. The rate of approach of the fluid to Na/K equilibrium was very slow and seemed to be governed by orthoclase K diffusion. The approach to Na isotopic equilibrium was much faster than to Na or K chemical equilibrium. Therefore Na and K appeared not to be coupled, in spite of the requirement for electrical neutrality. Foland also considered the results of investigations by other laboratories on alkali diffusion in feldspars, and concluded that diffusion was much the same in molten salt and hydrothermal experiments. Discussion of alkali diffusion in feldspars can be found in Feldspar Minerals (1974, Vol. 2, Smith, ed.).

The aforementioned experiments are beginning to yield accurate data





on the diffusion of ions in pure minerals, however, in most instances, the data cannot be directly applied to geologic field situations. In a rock, interdiffusion or reaction occurs rather than self-diffusion. The movement of an ion depends on other phases for its take up and release, and thus "the apparent age stability of the dated mineral may depend on the particular mineral assemblage it is in" (Hart et al., 1968). It would be desirable to obtain data in situations that are intermediate between field observations involving many assumptions and idealizations about diffusion, and laboratory experiments on isolated minerals involving very idealized processes as compared to what occurs geologically.

With the above point in mind, Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970) tried to induce migration of Rb and Sr in a silicate rock, the Prosperous Lake Granite, by heating. Van Breemen (1965) had carried out some previous heating experiments on the Southeast Granodiorite. The rock was heated in air for 100 hours at 800°, 860°, 920°, 985°, and 1025°C, and the minerals were then separated and analysed for Rb and Sr isotopic compositions. The samples heated at the highest temperatures had partially fused, making the mineral separations and interpretation of results difficult. However, even at the lower temperatures, there were significant changes in the  $\text{Sr}^{87}/\text{Sr}^{86}$  ratios and the Rb, Sr, K, and Na concentrations in the individual minerals, whereas the whole rock had not changed in composition. The Sr isotopic compositions changed in the direction of isotopic homogenization. Muscovite and oxidized biotite were found to lose Rb and radiogenic Sr, and to gain normal Sr, with the overall result that biotite would give too high and muscovite too low apparent ages. Albite, and to some extent apatite, appeared to gain the radiogenic Sr lost by the other phases. Potassium from the K-contain-





ing minerals (microcline, muscovite and biotite) and Na from albite were found to have exchanged to some extent with each other. Microcline and albite, in particular, had undergone considerable mixing with respect to alkali composition.

The investigation with which the present thesis is concerned, was a continuation of the research by Baadsgaard and van Breemen. It was desired to study the rates (kinetics) at which ionic relocation was occurring and the relationship of changes in the Rb and Sr composition to changes in major element chemistry of the minerals. To this purpose, further heating experiments were carried out at a single temperature for a series of different time intervals.



## SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

The sample selected for this experimental study was the Prosperous Lake Granite. This rock is actually of quartz monzonitic composition, consisting almost entirely of quartz, albite (sodic oligoclase), microcline, muscovite and biotite. Chemical and modal analyses and petrographic description are given by Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970).

## EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

### A. Heating Procedure

From previous work carried out by Baadsgaard and van Breemen, it was decided to choose a heating temperature and heating times such that measurable compositional changes occur during reasonably short times, but where the temperature is below that where fusion would occur or where mineral separations would become too difficult. Thus, the temperature selected was 890°C, and heating experiments were carried out for varying periods of time (from 2.5 to 1079 hours) in order to follow the kinetics of atomic or isotopic relocation.

An unweathered piece of the rock was cut into approximately one inch cubes, which were intermixed in order to minimize large scale inhomogeneity in the rock. These cubes were placed in a furnace in room atmosphere around a platinum-platinum 13% rhodium thermocouple, but were kept from direct contact with the thermocouple by small pieces of the rock. The desired temperature of 890°C (9.1 millivolt reading on the thermocouple) was reached in two hours, and the time at two hours was taken to be zero time, to mark the beginning of the experiment. Once the 890° temperature was reached, it was found not to vary more than 20°C from the desired value.



Four cubes from different locations in the furnace were removed at each of the following times: 25, 50, 100, 213, 405, 802, 1079 hours, and thus were quickly cooled to room temperature. The temperature in the furnace was observed to fall momentarily while the samples were being removed, but was re-established in 15 minutes.

Short term heating was also carried out on four to five cubes of sample each time for 2.5, 5, 10, and 20 hours. In these cases, the furnace was brought to 890°C and the samples cubes inserted quickly into the hot furnace. The temperature was re-established at 890°C in 15 minutes.

Five different pieces of Prosperous Lake Granite were left unheated, but were subjected to the same sampling and analytical procedures as the heated samples. These unheated samples were to be used as a standard for comparison of the results due to heating. Several unheated samples were necessary to elucidate to what extent results would be affected by compositional heterogeneity of the sample.

## B. Mineral Separation

Both heated and unheated samples were crushed and sieved. The 80-150 mesh size fraction of each sample was retained for mineral separations. For most of the heated samples, particularly that for 405 hours (approximately 60-80 mesh), a slightly coarser grain size was used.

A combination of density and magnetic properties was utilized to separate the constituent minerals. Sinking or floating in various proportions of tetrabromoethane and acetone (or methylene iodide and acetone) was alternated with use of the Frantz isodynamic separator.





Mineral separates of approximately 95% purity could be obtained in this manner.

The heated microcline and albite could not be completely separated free of contamination from each other, due to their partial alkali-homogenization. By optical inspection, the mica separates appeared to be very pure. After one set of isotopic data on the unheated muscovites yielded variable results, however, it appeared that there must still be contamination from other minerals. All the micas were therefore further purified by sliding them along a piece of paper. The fine sheets of mica remained behind, and round grains were rolled off the paper. By this method another 2 to 3% of impurity, consisting of feldspars, quartz, and apatite, could be removed. The finally purified micas were left with essentially no contaminant grains of other minerals evident on optical examination. Although some impurity still remained as inclusions between mica sheets, it was impossible to eliminate this source of contamination. Because of the gross underestimation of this type of impurity by optical inspection, and later variability of results on the unheated micas, the final purified mica separates were estimated to be 98-99% "pure". Possibly acid washing would have removed some feldspar and apatite impurity, but this procedure was not carried out. There was not enough mineral separate available to purify the longest heated mica samples as much as desired.

### C. Heating of Mineral Separates

Approximately one gram samples of the purified unheated biotite, muscovite, and microcline were subjected to heating in porcelain crucibles at 900°C in a furnace. The weight loss after 2.5 hours was found to be 4.30% for the muscovite, 0.07% for the microcline, and 1.87% for the



biotite. No additional significant weight changes were observed on further heating to a total of 23 hours at 900°C, and then at 1150°C for another hour. If it is assumed that all the ferrous iron in biotite is oxidised by atmospheric oxygen during heating, the 1.87% weight loss corresponds to a loss of 4.08% water. This assumption is justified by data on  $H_2O$  and  $FeO-Fe_2O_3$  contents in the heated and unheated micas (Baadsgaard and van Breemen, 1970).



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### A. Rb and Sr Isotopic Analytical Data

#### 1. Unheated minerals

The five specimens of unheated rock and the minerals separated from them have been designated A to E. Rubidium and strontium analyses on the minerals are presented, each analysis referring to data from one, or the average of two mass spectrometric runs. It is believed that each run had an analytical precision of approximately 0.5%, as indicated in the appendix, and confirmed by the reproducibility of results when two mass spectrometric runs were performed on the same sample. When two results for the same sample are reported, it is implied that two separate decompositions for different aliquots of the same mineral separate were carried out. It should be noted that different decomposition procedures were employed for Rb and Sr analyses, thus, different portions of the mineral separate were sampled. The average results on the unheated minerals A to E are tabulated. Reproducibilities are expressed in terms of standard deviations quoted at the  $1\sigma$  level.

Isotopic data for unheated microclines, muscovites, and biotites are presented in Tables I, II, and III respectively. The unheated albites were not completely purified nor analysed mass spectrometrically. The following notation is used to present data in the tables:

- $Sr^N$  - concentration of normal Sr in p.p.m.
- $Sr^{87r}$  - concentration of radiogenic Sr in p.p.m.
- Rb - concentration of Rb in p.p.m.
- \*
- \*\* - triple filament Rb analysis.





TABLE I

Rb and Sr in Unheated Microclines

Microcline Sample	Sr <sup>N</sup> (p.p.m.)	Sr <sup>87r</sup> (p.p.m.)	Rb <sup>*</sup> (p.p.m.)
A	158.8	6.33	621
B	164.9	6.17	610
C	160.7	6.29	616
D	162.5	6.29	626
E	167.9	6.23	618
<hr/>			
Average Unheated	163 $\pm$ 4	6.26 $\pm$ 0.07	618 $\pm$ 6

\* - single filament Rb analysis



TABLE II

Rb and Sr in Unheated Muscovites

Muscovite Sample	Sr <sup>N</sup> (p.p.m.)	Sr <sup>87r</sup> (p.p.m.)	Rb (p.p.m.)
A'	?	?	604*
B'	9.13	5.94	584*
C'	8.32	6.17	601*
D'	8.70	5.99	597*
E'	8.41	6.13	586*
<hr/>			
Average Unheated	8.6 $\pm$ 0.4	6.06 $\pm$ 0.11	594* $\pm$ 10
<hr/>			
A''	6.98	6.30	605**
B''	8.18	6.14	586**
C''	8.09	6.20	598**
D''	8.38	6.21	591**
E''	7.45	6.13	588**
<hr/>			
Average Unheated''	7.8 $\pm$ 0.7	6.20 $\pm$ 0.08	594** $\pm$ 8

? - sample lost

' - initially purified samples, see text

'' - further purified samples, see text

\* - single filament Rb analysis

\*\* - triple filament Rb analysis



TABLE III

Rb and Sr in Unheated Biotites

Biotite Sample	$\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$ (p.p.m.)	$\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ (p.p.m.)	Rb (p.p.m.)
A	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 4.73 \\ 4.72 \end{array} \right\} 4.73$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 14.41 \\ 14.28 \end{array} \right\} 14.35$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1436^* \\ 1455^{**} \end{array} \right\} 1446$
B	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 4.87 \\ 4.84 \end{array} \right\} 4.85$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 14.05 \\ 13.90 \end{array} \right\} 13.98$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1433^* \\ 1411^{**} \end{array} \right\} 1422$
C	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 4.77 \\ 4.66 \end{array} \right\} 4.72$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 13.77 \\ 13.74 \end{array} \right\} 13.75$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1407^* \\ 1381^{**} \end{array} \right\} 1394$
D	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 4.75 \\ 4.54 \end{array} \right\} 4.65$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 13.97 \\ 13.51 \end{array} \right\} 13.75$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1439^* \\ 1399^{**} \end{array} \right\} 1418$
E	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5.78 \\ 5.47 \\ 5.70 \end{array} \right\} 5.65$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 14.03 \\ 13.46 \\ 13.90 \end{array} \right\} 13.90$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1400^* \\ 1415^{**} \end{array} \right\} 1408$
<hr/>			
Average Unheated	$4.9 \pm 0.5$	$13.95 \pm 0.25$	$1418 \pm 25$

\* - single filament Rb analysis

\*\* - triple filament Rb analysis





The results in Table I are essentially identical with those reported by Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970) for unheated microcline. The sampling variability can be seen to be several percent for normal Sr and approximately 1% for radiogenic Sr and for Rb.

For the muscovites, two sets of analyses were carried out, one on the initially purified minerals (samples A' to E') and another after further purification (samples A" to E") by rolling out impurities. The average value for the unheated muscovite demonstrates a large uncertainty in analysis due to sampling, 5 to 10% in normal Sr and approximately 2% in Rb and radiogenic Sr. The further purified muscovites contain an average of approximately 1 p.p.m. less normal Sr than the initial samples. It is estimated that less than one percent of a mixed feldspar impurity can account for the discrepancy. A variable degree of contamination plus actual sample variation must be responsible for the large range in normal Sr values obtained.

The unheated biotites again show an uncertainty of about 10% in normal Sr and 2% in Rb and radiogenic Sr due to sampling. The large uncertainty in  $Sr^N$  is believed to incorporate variable degrees of contamination, and the variation in Rb and  $Sr^{87r}$  to reflect mainly sample inhomogeneity. The present data on unheated muscovite and biotite do not vary greatly from those reported by Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970), except for  $Sr^N$  in biotite. The difference is attributable to the much greater purity of the biotite samples used in the present study, particularly due to the finer grain size of the mineral separates.

The average values for unheated muscovites and biotites from Tables II and III were converted to correct for weight loss on heating (4.3% for muscovite, 1.87% for biotite (Experimental Procedures)) in order to allow comparison with the heated samples. The muscovite values



were divided by 0.957 and biotite values by 0.981 to yield results which are included with data on the heated minerals under the notation of "0 hour sample". The errors due to sample variability and contamination as determined on the unheated samples are assumed to apply to each of the heated samples also.

## 2. Heated Muscovites and Biotites

Results on the heated muscovites and biotites are detailed in Tables IV and V respectively. Samples are referred to by the length of the heating time. The data on the heated muscovites indicate no significant changes in Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  concentrations until the 405 hour sample. As shown in Table IV, average values for samples heated for 2.5 through 100 hours are almost identical with results for the unheated samples. For heating times greater than 100 hours, there is a decrease in radiogenic Sr, and an increase in Rb contents of the muscovites. Because of the large sample variation, it is difficult to discern any concentration changes in normal Sr; however,  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$  has probably decreased slightly with heating, especially since the longer heated muscovites were apparently more contaminated with impurities containing  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$ . The variations in normal Sr deem it futile to consider  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios. Instead, only concentrations have been tabulated and will be considered in the discussion.

The heated biotites again do not display noticeable concentration changes until approximately 100 hours of heating, when both Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  begin to decrease. Normal Sr is slightly higher in all the heated samples than in the average of the unheated samples. The difference is most likely due to increased contamination of the heated samples because of



their larger grain size. The coarsest grained sample, 405 hour biotite, has the highest concentration of  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$ , warranting the above supposition. It is thus not possible to make any statements about changes in  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$  in the biotites -  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$  may stay the same with heating, or even decrease, the decrease being masked by an increase from increasing amounts of impurities.

By 1079 hours of heating time, muscovite has lost approximately one-sixth of its radiogenic Sr, and gained an additional one-sixth Rb. Biotite at 1079 hours, has lost approximately one-third of both its radiogenic Sr and Rb. The results obtained indicate that a steady state or equilibrium has not been reached by 1079 hours, since the values are still changing.





TABLE IV

Rb and Sr in Heated Muscovites

<u>Muscovite Sample<sup>#</sup></u> (Heating Time - Hours)	$\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$ (p.p.m.)	$\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ (p.p.m.)	Rb (p.p.m.)
0'	9.0 $\pm$ 0.5	6.33 $\pm$ 0.12	621* $\pm$ 11
0''	8.15 $\pm$ 0.8	6.48 $\pm$ 0.09	621** $\pm$ 10
2.5	7.00	6.14	618**
5	9.52	6.38	612**
10	7.72	6.48	621**
15	8.33	6.32	615**
20	8.82	6.26	607**
25	7.73	6.52	630**
50	8.03	6.33	618**
100	7.50	6.37	626**
213	7.19 7.32	6.32 6.27	636**
405	6.22 6.17	6.12 5.99	655**
802	8.03 7.94	5.59 5.56	670**
1079	6.14 6.13	5.40 5.34	678**

0' - unheated muscovites, initially purified samples

0'' - unheated muscovites, further purified samples

# - all heated samples had undergone the same separation procedures as the further purified unheated muscovites

\* - single filament Rb analysis

\*\* - triple filament Rb analysis



TABLE V

Rb and Sr in Heated Biotites

<u>Biotite Sample</u> (Heating Time - Hours)	$\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$ (p.p.m.)	$\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ (p.p.m.)	Rb (p.p.m.)
0	$5.0 \pm 0.5$	$14.2 \pm 0.25$	$1445 \pm 25^*$
2.5	5.97	15.32	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1604 \\ 1542 \end{array} \right\} 1573^{**}$
5	6.40	15.30	1498**
10	6.60	14.67	1470**
15	6.76	14.47	1458**
20	6.66	14.82	1455**
25	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5.78 \\ 6.15 \end{array} \right\} 5.97$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 12.78 \\ 14.17 \end{array} \right\} 13.48$	1421**
50	6.71	14.55	1410**
100	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 6.69 \\ 7.14 \end{array} \right\} 6.91$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 13.90 \\ 13.98 \end{array} \right\} 13.94$	1354**
213	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 7.10 \\ 7.25 \end{array} \right\} 7.17$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 14.08 \\ 14.01 \end{array} \right\} 14.04$	1346**
405	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 7.76 \\ 7.78 \end{array} \right\} 7.77$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 12.74 \\ 12.72 \end{array} \right\} 12.73$	1165**
802	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 6.30 \\ 6.24 \end{array} \right\} 6.27$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 10.08 \\ 10.14 \end{array} \right\} 10.11$	943**
1079	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 6.89 \\ 6.69 \end{array} \right\} 6.79$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 10.05 \\ 9.93 \end{array} \right\} 9.99$	968**

\*\* - triple filament Rb analysis

\* - average of single and triple filament Rb analysis



### 3. Discussion of Changes in Rb and $\text{Sr}^{87}$ in Muscovite and Biotite with Heating

The results in the previous section indicate that atomic migration or relocation has occurred between the minerals of the Prosperous Lake Granite. In order to quantify the changes occurring, diffusion processes may be considered. Simple diffusion models can be used to solve the diffusion equation as described by Fick to obtain expressions relating concentration to distance and time, usually in terms of error functions. Jost (1960) has given the following approximation (equation [1]) for diffusion out of or into a cylinder, sphere, or infinite thin plate, assuming constant diffusion coefficient and time to be sufficiently large.

$$[1] \quad \frac{\bar{c} - c_f}{c_i - c_f} \sim \frac{m_2}{k^2} e^{-tk^2 D/r^2}$$

where  $t$  = time  
 $D$  = diffusion coefficient  
 $r$  = radius of cylinder or sphere, or thickness of plate  
 $\bar{c}$  = average concentration at time  $t$  in cylinder, sphere, or plate  
 $c_i$  = initial concentration at time zero  
 $c_f$  = final (equilibrium) concentration at infinite time  
 $k$  =  $\pi$  (plate or sphere), 2.405 (cylinder)  
 $m$  = 6 (sphere), 4 (cylinder), 8 (plate)

However, the above type of equation cannot be applied to data in the present experiment, because no final or equilibrium values for concentrations could be obtained, and times were probably not sufficiently long for the above approximation to hold.

Equation [2] was also provided by Jost for diffusion out of or into a finite plate (thickness  $r$ ) with the variables having the same meaning





as defined previously.

$$[2] \quad \frac{\bar{c}}{c_i} = 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{Dt}}{\sqrt{\pi} r/2} = 1 - \frac{4\sqrt{D}}{r\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{t}$$

Presumably similar relationships exist for other diffusion models with only the constants varying with the model. For example, Crank (1975) outlined another approximation (equation [3]) for a circular disk source (radius  $r$ ) diffusing into an infinite plane, for small times and assuming the concentration at the surface of the disk to remain constant.

$$[3] \quad \frac{\bar{c}}{c_i} = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2Dt}{\pi r^2}} = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{D}}{r\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{t}$$

In general, for diffusion into a semi-infinite medium, with zero initial concentration, and the surface of which is maintained constant, the amount of diffusing substance entering the medium through unit surface of its area varies as the square root of time. This property generally holds in semi-infinite media (for point, line, spherical, cylindrical sources) provided the initial concentration is uniform and the surface concentration remains constant (Crank, 1975). Lin and Yund (1972) also have stated that data fitting the above "square root of time" law provide good evidence for the occurrence of mainly one type of diffusion process, e.g. volume diffusion, with little contribution from other transport processes, e.g. grain boundary diffusion or recrystallization.

The "square root of time" relationship has been applied to data from the present experiment, in spite of the assumptions involved. The initial concentrations were uniform and biotite and muscovite can perhaps be considered as sources in semi-infinite media, since these minerals



constitute only 2.2% and 7.7% of the rock, respectively (Baadsgaard and van Breemen, 1970). Values for square root of time versus time are presented in Table VI, and were used in conjunction with data from Tables IV and V to arrive at Figures 1 and 2.



TABLE VI

Square Root of Time for Heating Times Employed in Experiment

<u>Time t (hours)</u>	0	2.5	5	10	15	20	25	50	100	213	405	802	1079
<u><math>\sqrt{\text{time (hours}^{1/2})}</math></u>	0	1.58	2.24	3.16	3.87	4.47	5.00	7.07	10.00	14.59	20.12	28.32	32.85





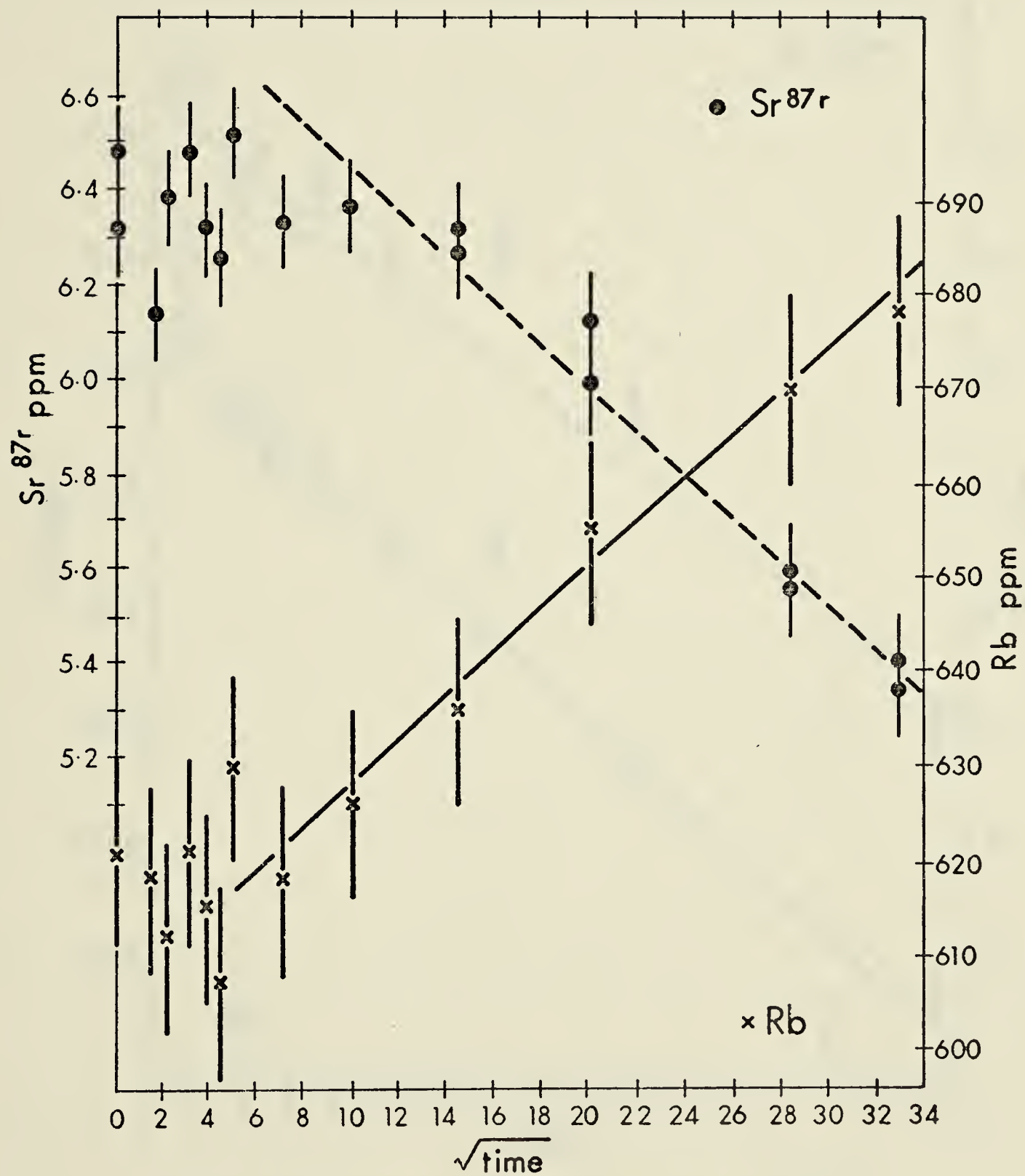


Fig. 1. Muscovites - Rb &  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  versus  $\sqrt{\text{time}}$



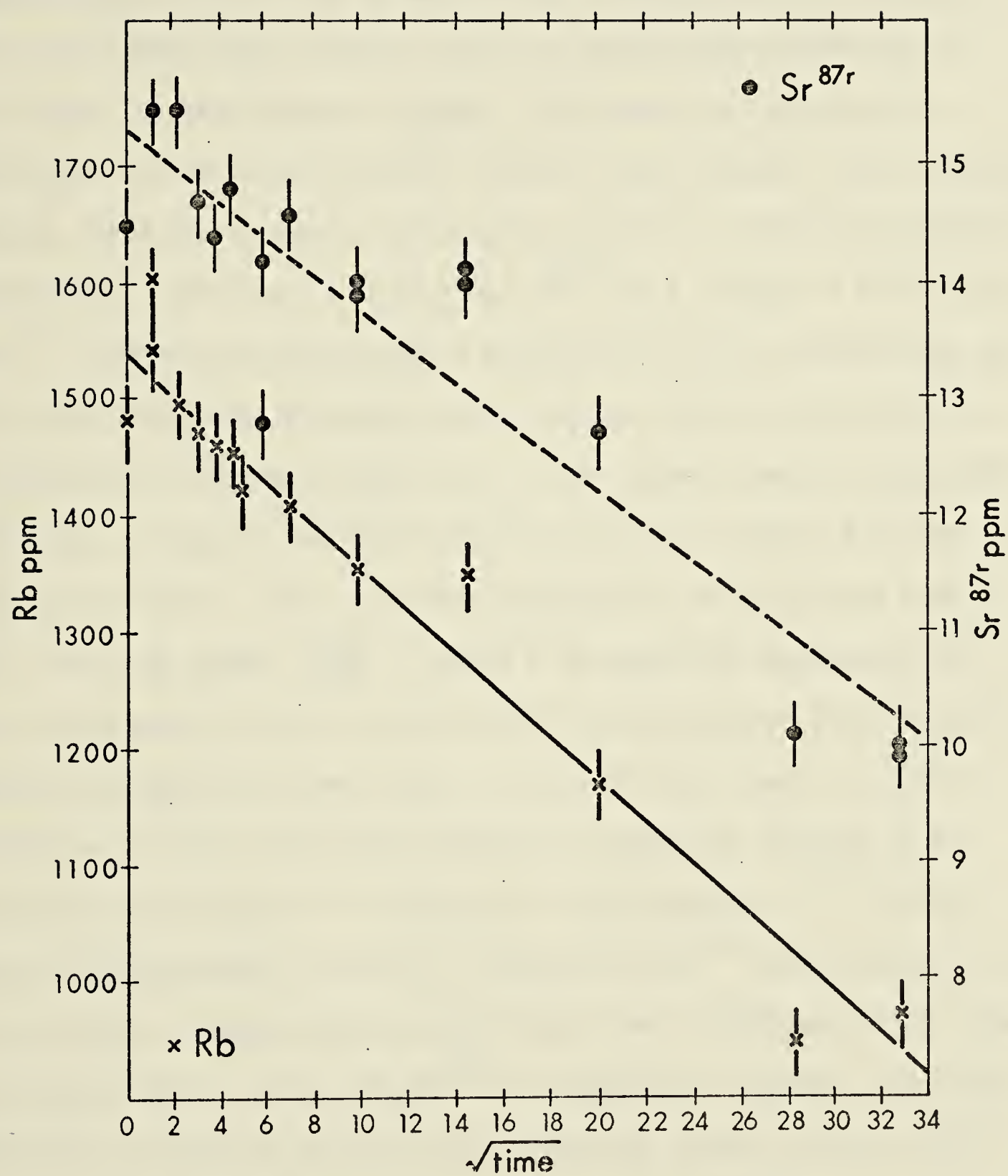


Fig. 2. Biotites - Rb &  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  versus  $\sqrt{\text{time}}$



In Figure 1, concentrations of Rb and radiogenic Sr in muscovite have been plotted against square root of time. Error bars for all samples are derived from the sampling variability in the unheated muscovites (approximately 2% for both Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ ). Initially, both curves are flat with almost zero slope but very poor correlation coefficient as calculated by least squares fitting. The zero time concentration intercept is 6.36 p.p.m. for  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  and 617 p.p.m. for Rb. From 100 hours onwards, both curves appear linear with a slope of  $-0.048 \text{ p.p.m./hour}^{1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.987) for  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ , and a slope of  $2.31 \text{ p.p.m./hour}^{1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.993) for Rb. The initial time lag before any concentration changes have occurred could be due to the unsuitability of the model used, or to a slow process limiting migration initially, e.g. grain boundary diffusion, or loss of water from the muscovite lattice. For a graph of concentration versus square root of time, the slope equals  $\frac{4\sqrt{D}}{r\sqrt{\pi}} c_i$  where  $r$  is the plate thickness and  $c_i$  is the initial concentration in the mineral, using equation [2]. When this equation is applied to the linear portions of the curves in Figure 1, assuming  $r$  to equal the average grain size dimension (80-120 mesh = 0.0125 cm), coefficients of diffusion of approximately  $10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$  for Rb into muscovite, and  $5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$  for  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  out of muscovite can be calculated. Whether these numbers have true significance with respect to volume diffusion of Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  in muscovite is unknown, since the migration rate may be related to the uptake or release of Rb or  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  by other phases or to the rate of breakdown of muscovite.

In Figure 2, concentrations of Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  in biotite from Table V have been plotted against the square root of time. Both plots are essentially linear from zero time, and yield a slope of  $-18.5 \text{ p.p.m./}$





hour<sup>1/2</sup> (correlation coefficient = 0.969) and initial concentration intercept of 1541 p.p.m. for Rb, and a slope of -0.153 p.p.m./hour<sup>1/2</sup> (correlation coefficient = 0.934), initial concentration intercept of 15.23 p.p.m. for Sr<sup>87r</sup>, using least squares fitting. Diffusion coefficients of approximately 10<sup>-12</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/sec for Rb and Sr<sup>87r</sup> out of biotite can be calculated from the slopes using equation [2] assuming  $r = 0.0125$  cm. The values are comparable to data of Hofmann and Giletti (1970) for the diffusion of K and Rb in biotite at 200 bars, extrapolated to 890°C, which fall in the range of 10<sup>-14</sup> to 10<sup>-13</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>/sec.

In a later section of this thesis (microprobe results, biotites), the potassium concentrations of biotite were found to be extremely variable. Since Rb substitutes for K in the biotite lattice, and Sr<sup>87r</sup> substitutes for Rb, it could be expected that the Rb and Sr<sup>87r</sup> concentrations in biotite would also vary greatly, in addition to any variance produced by sample contamination. It is assumed that the 20 to 25 grains of biotite in each microprobe analysis result in a representative K concentration for the whole sample. Rb and Sr<sup>87r</sup> concentrations from Table V for samples that were analysed using the microprobe have been corrected to a standard K concentration to eliminate the bulk of sample variability by multiplying by  $[K]/[K_{av}]$ , where  $[K]$  is the total alkali concentration in each individual sample, and  $[K_{av}]$  is the average total alkali in samples 0 through 1079 hours. The results are tabulated in Table VII and the corrected Rb and Sr<sup>87r</sup> concentrations plotted versus square root of time in Figure 3.



TABLE VII

Rb and Sr <sup>87r</sup> in Biotite Corrected for Total K Concentration			
Biotite Sample (Heating Time (hours))	[K]#	Rb <sup>a</sup> (p.p.m.)	Sr <sup>87r</sup> & (p.p.m.)
0	1.57	1546	15.2
2.5	1.78	1455 } 1485 1514 }	14.46
100	1.66	1338	14.07 } 14.11 14.15 }
213	1.77	1278	13.36 } 13.33 13.30 }
405	1.68	1165	12.73 } 12.73 12.72 }
802	1.62	978	10.45 } 10.48 10.51 }
1079	$\frac{1.70}{[Kav] = 1.68}$	957	9.93 } 9.87 9.81 }

# - atoms of K per 23.5 oxygens from microprobe data on biotites, Table XI

& - corrected Rb and Sr<sup>87r</sup> concentrations = values from Table V x 1.68/[K]



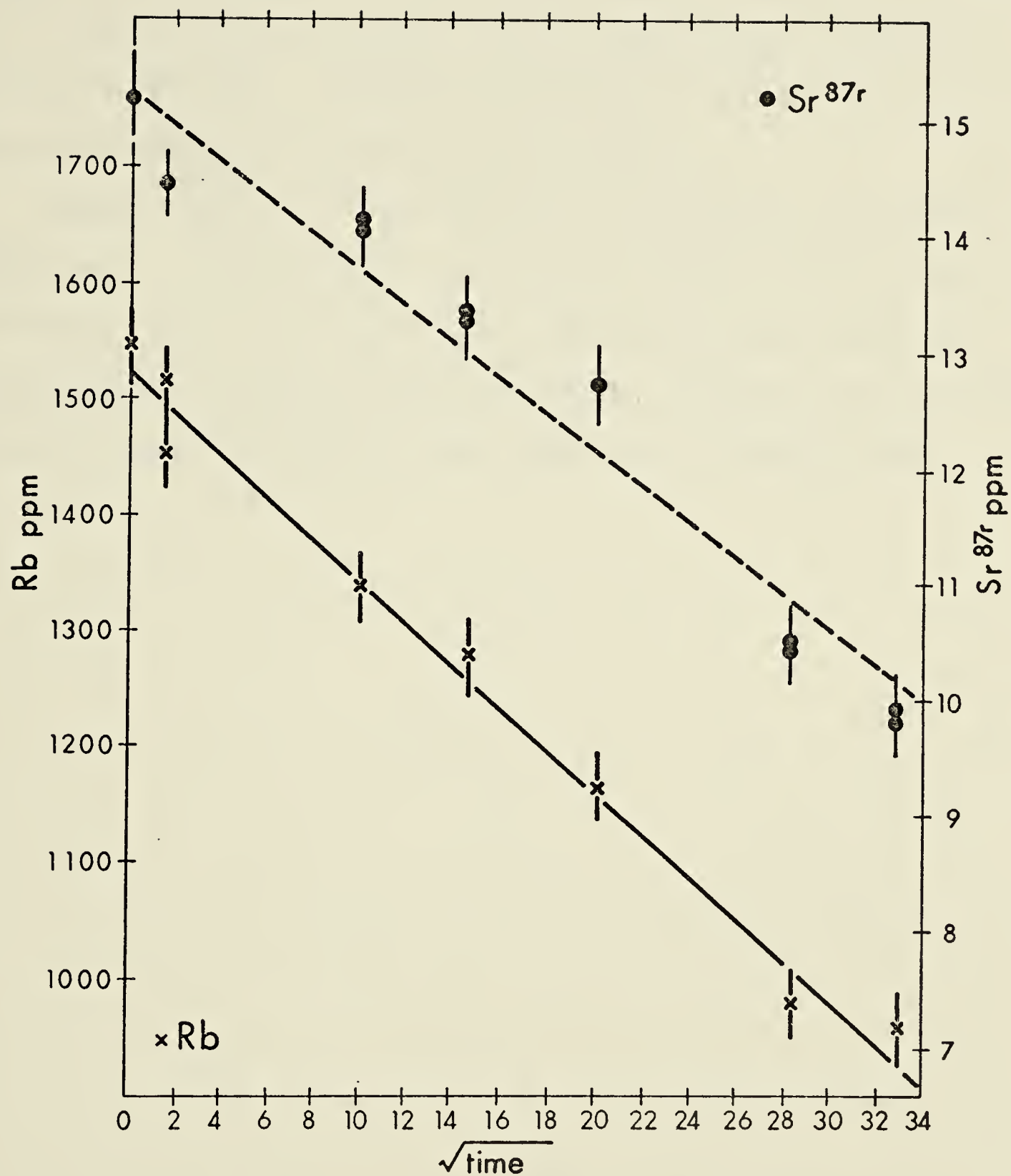


Fig. 3. Biotites - Rb &  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  versus  $\sqrt{\text{time}}$   
 (corrected for total K )





The lines in Figure 3 appear more linear than those in Figure 2, and yield a slope of  $-18.0 \text{ p.p.m./hour}^{1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.994), concentration intercept of 1525 p.p.m. for Rb, and a slope of  $-0.156 \text{ p.p.m./hour}^{1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.976), concentration intercept of 15.28 p.p.m. for  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ . Diffusion coefficients calculated from these slopes are essentially the same as described above.

Heated albites and microclines were not analysed for Rb and Sr compositions. It was estimated from previous data by Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970), that significant concentration changes would not be discernable or would be camouflaged because of difficulty of separating microcline and albite from each other with increased heating times.



## B. Microprobe Results

### 1. Quantitative Energy Dispersive Analysis

Total elemental analyses are presented in terms of the number of atoms or cations for a specified number of oxygens, since most reasonably ion exchange is studied on a mole for mole or atom for atom basis. Results in terms of weight percent oxides are included in the appendix. In general, analyses (on two to four grains) in thin sections are not listed. Results on the thin sections were more variable because of the uneven surface polish, and were less representative of the sample because of the few numbers of grains analysed. Most analyses refer to beam scanning on approximately 20 to 25 grains of the grain mounts, unless otherwise indicated.

The results of albite and microcline analyses on the basis of 32 oxygens are shown in Tables VIII and IX. The sum of Na and K (total alkali), and % K/(Na+K) or % Na/(Na+K) are also given for each sample. The average of unheated albites B and E yields  $(\text{Na}+\text{K}+\text{Ca})=4.06$ ,  $(\text{Al}+\text{Si})=15.98$  per 32 oxygens, and  $0.33 \text{ Ca}/4.06 (\text{Na}+\text{K}+\text{Ca})$ , making the mineral approximately 8% anorthite, i.e. an albite. The average of unheated microclines A and E yields  $(\text{Al}+\text{Si})=16.94$  and  $(\text{Na}+\text{K}+\text{V}+\text{Ba}+\text{Zr})=3.75$  per 32 oxygens. Muscovite analyses with respect to 22 oxygens and biotite analyses with respect to 23.5 oxygens can be found in Tables X and XI. A structural formula calculated for unheated muscovite B gives  $(\text{Si}+\text{Al})=8.00$ ,  $(\text{Al}+\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}+\text{Ti})=3.97$ , and  $(\text{Na}+\text{K})=1.86$  per 22 oxygens. Similarly the average of unheated biotite B and 2.5 hour biotite results in  $(\text{Si}+\text{Al})=8.00$ ,  $(\text{Al}+\text{Mg}+\text{Ti}+\text{Fe}+\text{Mn}+\text{Ni}+\text{Zn})=5.71$ ,  $(\text{Na}+\text{K})=1.67$  per 23.5 oxygens. Mineral analyses compare favorably with those presented in Deer, Howie, and Zussman (Vol. 3, 1962 and Vol. 4, 1963).



TABLE VIII

Albites - Number of Ions Per 32 Oxygens

Albite Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na	Al	Si	K	Ca	Na+K	$\frac{\text{Na}}{\text{Na}+\text{K}} \times 100$
* 0 <sub>E</sub>	3.68	4.31	11.66	0.03	0.36	3.71	99.2
0 <sub>B</sub>	3.67	4.27	11.71	0.08	0.30	3.74	98.1
2.5	3.66	4.34	11.64	0.07	0.34	3.73	98.1
100	3.69	4.35	11.63	0.08	0.33	3.77	97.9
213	3.62	4.38	11.61	0.09	0.37	3.71	97.3
405	3.62	4.35	11.64	0.11	0.35	3.73	97.1
802	3.57	4.37	11.61	0.15	0.36	3.72	96.0
1079	3.54	4.37	11.62	0.17	0.36	3.71	95.4
1079 Ab grain <sup>#</sup> center of grain	3.61	4.30	11.70	0.18	0.28	3.77	95.8
rims of grain	3.25	4.31	11.70	0.41	0.31	3.66	88.8
1079 Ab grain <sup>#</sup> side of grain	3.54	4.40	11.60	0.09	0.39	3.64	97.3

\* - thin section, average of 4 grains with hand scanning

# - grain mounts, average of one grain or part of grain only with beam scanning



TABLE IX

Microclines - Number of Ions Per 32 Oxygens

Microcline Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na	Al	Si	K	V+Ba+Zr	Ca	Na+K	$\frac{K}{Na+K} \times 100$
<sup>*</sup> 0 <sub>A*</sub>	0.06	4.08	11.97	3.67	0.04	----	3.73	98.4
0 <sub>E</sub>	----	3.97	12.08	3.70	0.02	----	3.70	100.0
2.5	0.10	4.01	11.97	3.74	0.06	0.01	3.84	97.4
100	0.24	4.01	11.98	3.60	0.06	----	3.84	93.8
213	0.31	4.01	11.95	3.53	0.08	0.01	3.84	91.9
405	0.43	4.01	11.96	3.43	0.06	0.01	3.86	88.9
802	0.75	4.00	11.98	3.11	0.05	0.01	3.85	80.8
1079	0.63	4.00	11.98	3.24	0.04	0.02	3.87	83.4
1079 microcline <sup>#</sup>								
high Na grain	1.23	4.04	11.98	2.60	0.04	----	3.82	68.1
low Na grain	0.26	4.03	11.98	3.51	0.06	----	3.77	93.1

\* - thin section, average of 4 grains with hand scanning

# - grain mounts, average of one grain only with beam scanning





TABLE X

Muscovites - Number of Ions* Per 22 Oxygens											
Muscovite Sample (Heating Time (hours))		Na	K	Mg	Fe <sup>III</sup>	Ti	Al	Si	Na+K	Mg+Fe+Ti+Al	$\frac{K}{Na+K} \times 100$
0 <sub>B</sub> 2.5		0.03	1.83	0.05	0.17	0.08	5.49	6.16	1.86	5.79	98.4
		0.06	1.81	0.07	0.19	0.07	5.46	6.18	1.87	5.79	96.8
	100	0.18	1.71	0.06	0.18	0.09	5.47	6.16	1.89	5.80	90.5
	213	0.19	1.68	0.06	0.19	0.08	5.51	6.13	1.87	5.85	89.8
	405	0.19	1.69	0.04	0.18	0.08	5.53	6.13	1.88	5.83	89.9
	802	0.31	1.57	0.06	0.18	0.08	5.52	6.13	1.88	5.84	83.5
	1079	0.33	1.57	0.05	0.18	0.09	5.46	6.16	1.90	5.78	82.6
1079 hour muscovite <sup>#</sup>											
	high Na grain	0.61	1.29	0.06	0.18	0.08	5.50	6.14	1.90	5.82	67.9
	low Na grain	0.21	1.64	0.05	0.17	0.09	5.53	6.14	1.85	5.84	88.6
100 hour muscovite <sup>#</sup>											
	high Na grain	0.53	1.26	0.11	0.22	0.14	5.33	6.19	1.88	5.80	67.0
	low Na grain	----	1.81	0.04	0.19	0.09	5.56	6.11	1.81	5.88	100.0

# - grain mounts, average of one grain only with beam scanning

\* - small amounts of Ba and V neglected (Ba&lt;0.004, V&lt;0.02 per 22 oxygens)



TABLE XI

Biotites - Number of Ions Per 23.5 Oxygens

Biotite Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na	K	Mg	Ti	Fe <sup>III</sup>	Al	Si	Mn+Ni+Zn	Na+K	$\Sigma M^{\&}$	$\frac{K}{Na+K} \times 100$
* 0 <sub>B</sub> <sup>+</sup>	----	1.57	1.34	0.32	3.42	3.44	5.17	0.10	1.57	8.62	100.0
2.5 <sup>+</sup>	0.02	1.76	1.24	0.36	3.26	3.37	5.31	0.10	1.78	8.33	98.8
100 <sup>+</sup>	0.17	1.49	1.30	0.35	3.28	3.39	5.27	0.11	1.66	8.43	89.9
213 <sup>+</sup>	0.23	1.54	1.21	0.37	3.24	3.36	5.33	0.11	1.77	8.29	87.0
405 <sup>+</sup>	0.47	1.21	1.33	0.35	3.27	3.40	5.28	0.11	1.68	8.46	72.0
802 <sup>+</sup>	0.63	0.99	1.30	0.35	3.23	3.41	5.30	0.13	1.62	8.42	61.1
1079 <sup>*</sup>	0.63	1.07	1.26	0.36	3.29	3.35	5.30	0.13	1.70	8.39	62.9
1079 hour biotite <sup>#</sup>											
high Na grain	0.81	0.98	1.23	0.39	3.18	3.36	5.32	0.15	1.79	8.31	54.7
low Na grain	0.31	1.45	1.23	0.40	3.13	3.34	5.36	0.17	1.76	8.27	82.4
100 hour biotite <sup>#</sup>											
high Na grain	0.19	1.41	1.23	0.39	3.30	3.36	5.28	0.14	1.60	8.42	88.1
low Na grain	----	1.81	1.23	0.40	3.12	3.38	5.35	0.13	1.81	8.26	100.0

# - grain mounts, average of one grain only with beam scanning

+ - average of two sets of results on grain mounts, one on 20 to 25 grains with beam scanning, the other on 20 to 25 grains with static beam

\* - average of two sets of results on grain mounts, each on 20 to 25 grains with beam scanning

& -  $\Sigma M = Mg+Ti+Fe+Al+Mn+Ni+Zn$



The tabulated data demonstrate that no overall changes in the concentrations of any elements, except for Na and K, has occurred in any of the minerals with heating. Also the sum of (Na+K) has remained constant, therefore only cation exchange between the Na-containing mineral (albite) and K-containing minerals (microcline, biotite, and muscovite) has resulted. The analyses of individual grains of heated minerals, presented at the bottom of each table, indicate the maximum range in concentration found when searching through heated mineral grain mounts for grains very high or low in the elements of interest (Na, K). In the 1079 hour samples, grains ranging in concentration from almost unchanged (from the unheated samples) to ones that had exchanged 1/3 to 1/2 of their K (for the K minerals) or 1/8 of their Na (for albite) could be found (see also section B.3 of Results and Discussion). The averaged analyses for each heating time hopefully do give an average value for the sample, but are bound to have a large associated error since only 20 to 25 grains were analysed.

Total (Na+K) was found to be quite variable in the biotites (Table XI), although no systematic trend with heating could be discerned. The above data was used to convert Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  concentrations to a standard K concentration in a previous section, A.3. Also % K/(Na+K) has been used to represent  $(c_t/c_i) \times 100$ , where  $c_t$  is the K concentration at time  $t$  in the mineral, and  $c_i$  the initial K concentration, for the K minerals. Analogously, the ratio % Na/(Na+K) has been used for % Na remaining in albite.

With the same assumptions as in Section A.3., the above ratios have been plotted against the square root of heating time for all the minerals in Figures 4 through 8. Error bars are not included, since





they are unknown. However, for heated minerals where the maximum concentration ranges were determined, the range is indicated by dotted lines in the figures. All the graphs demonstrate a large amount of scatter in the points, believed due in main to the uncertainty of analysis and to sample variation. Least squares fitting of the data to straight lines yields the following results: slope of  $-0.0993 \text{ hour}^{-1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.971) for Na in albite; slope of  $-0.534 \text{ hour}^{-1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.976) for K in microcline; slope of  $-1.27 \text{ hour}^{-1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.980) for K in biotite; and slope of  $-0.462 \text{ hour}^{-1/2}$  (correlation coefficient = 0.974) for K in muscovite. As before, if equation [2] is applied to the above data (assuming the dimension over which diffusion has occurred,  $r$ , to equal 0.0125 cm) the following approximate diffusion coefficients can be calculated:  $2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$  for K out of muscovite and microcline,  $1.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$  for K out of biotite, and  $10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$  for Na out of albite. Values for the feldspars would be approximately one order of magnitude higher if a different model for diffusion, e.g. equation [3], were employed.

The calculated diffusion coefficients for diffusion of K and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  out of muscovite are the same within a factor of two to three. Also, for diffusion of K, Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  out of biotite, as would be expected from the work of Hofmann and Giletti (1970), D values obtained in the present experiment are practically identical. Diffusion coefficients obtained for K in microcline are also very similar to values previously obtained by Foland (1974) in orthoclase, Lin and Yund (1972) in K-exchanged microcline, and Petrovic (in Feldspar Minerals, 1974, Vol.2, Smith, ed.) in adularia.



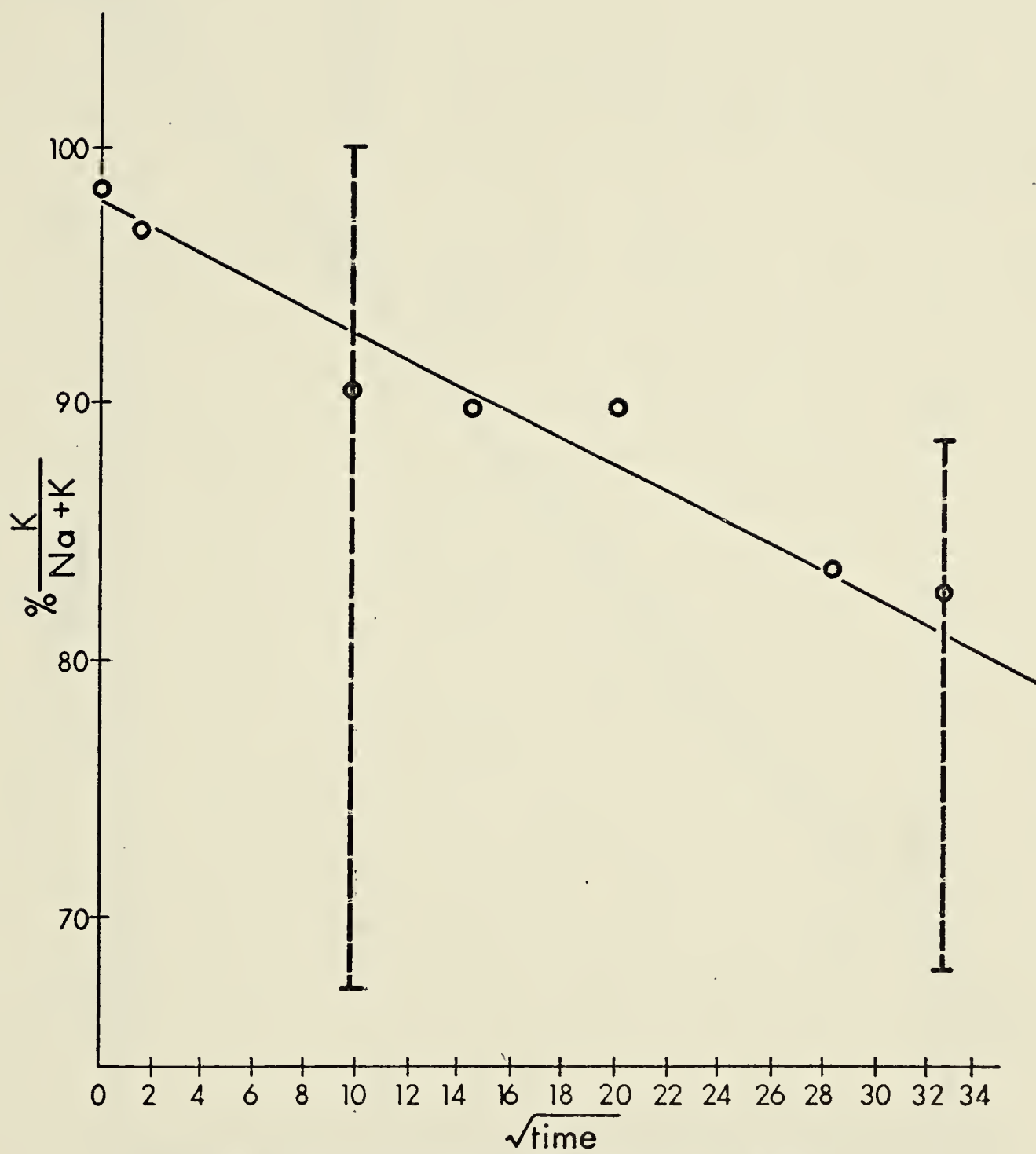


Fig. 4. Muscovites - K versus  $\sqrt{\text{time}}$



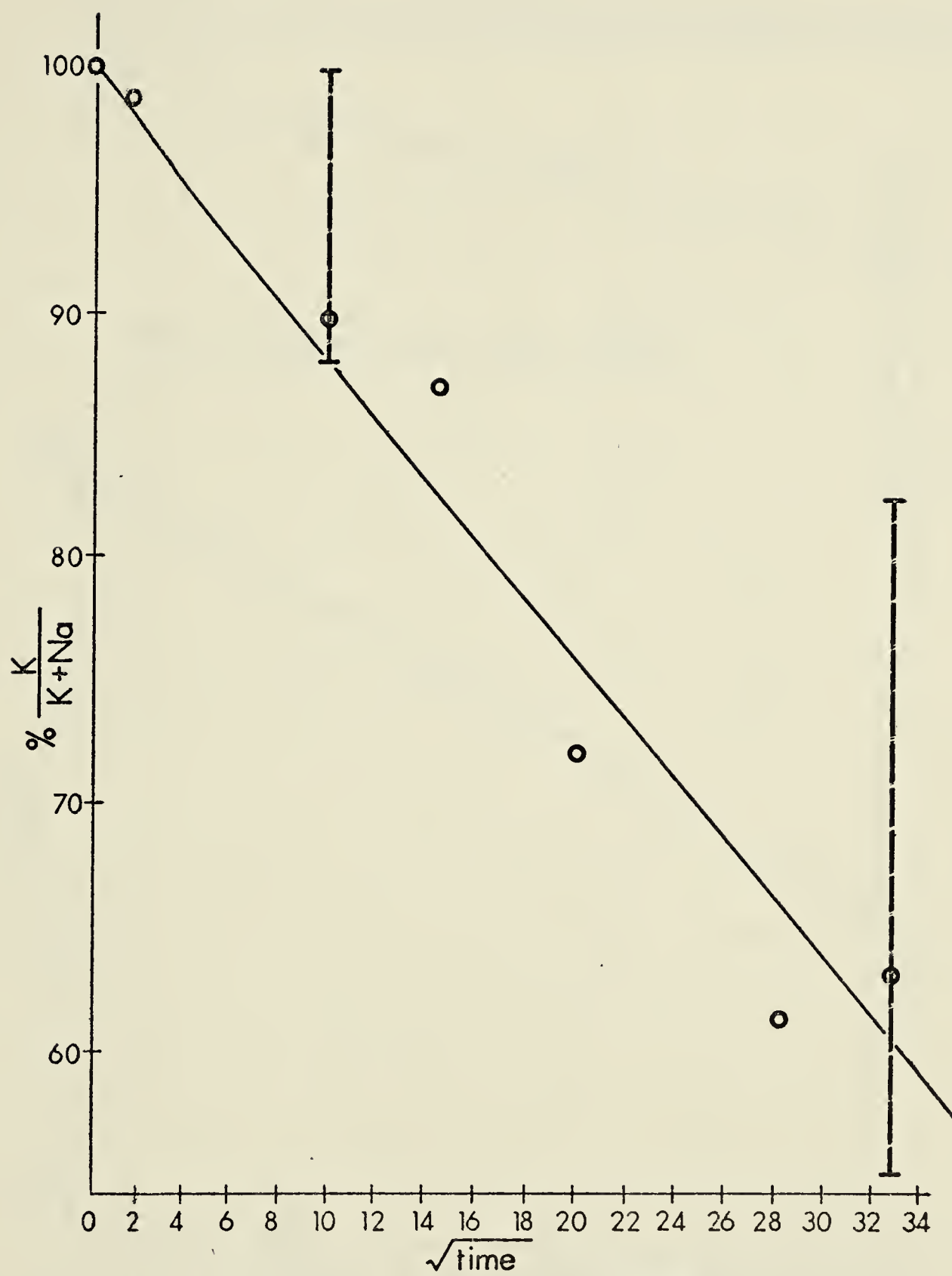
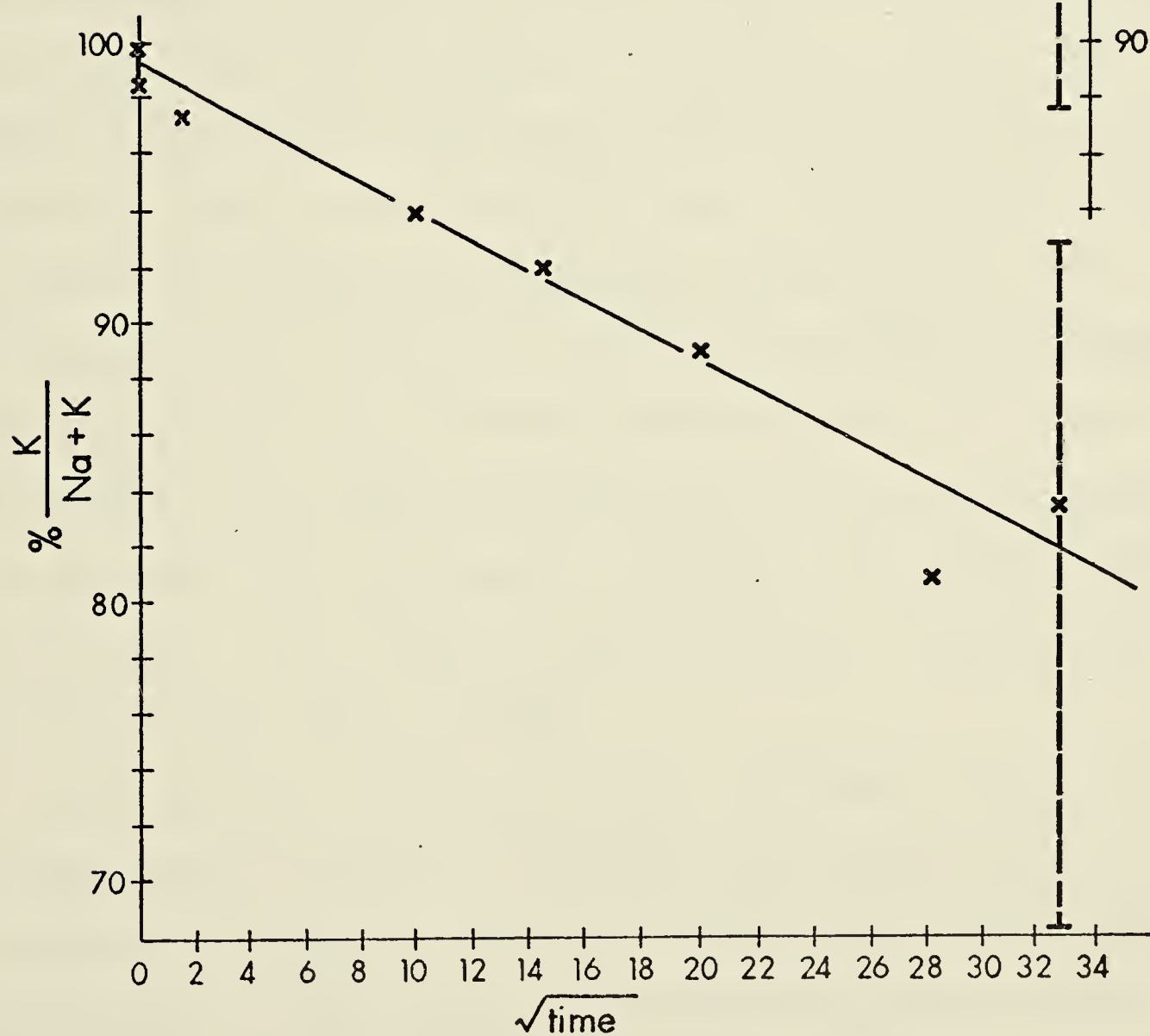
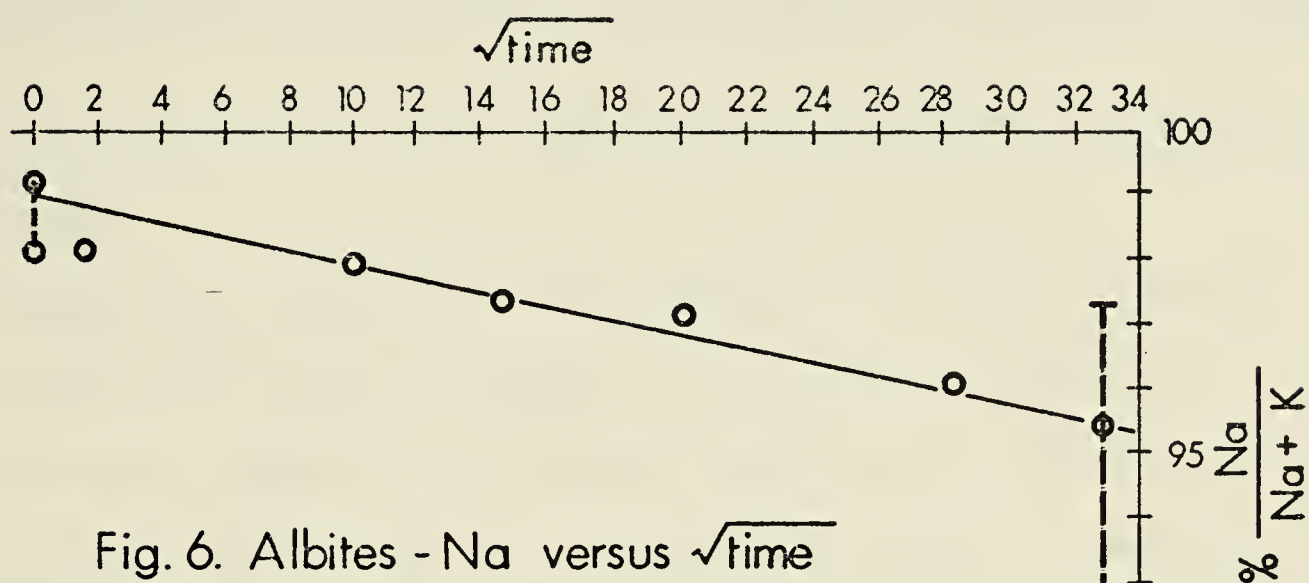


Fig. 5. Biotites - K versus  $\sqrt{\text{time}}$









The coefficient calculated for albite is believed to relate to K diffusion into, rather than Na diffusion out of albite, as discussed later.

## 2. Discussion of Changes in Alkali Composition of Prosperous Lake Granite with Heating

The temperatures employed in this experiment lie above the microcline-albite solvus for alkali feldspars. As a result, it could be expected that alkali homogenization between microcline and albite could occur with heating. Also paragonite is appreciably soluble in muscovite at elevated temperatures (Nicol and Roy, 1965), therefore dehydrated muscovite and biotite could perhaps be expected to exchange K with Na. Although the experimental conditions employed (dry heating) are outside the stability range of muscovite and biotite, no net transport of elements other than Na and K (and Rb and Sr) appears to have occurred. The heating experiment has resulted in a process of incomplete ion exchange between minerals without equilibrium between minerals. It is common to get attainment of ion exchange equilibrium only as compared to complete equilibrium under dry or hydrothermal conditions, since the activation energy for alkali ion diffusion is lower than that for breaking framework silicate bonds (Petrovic, 1972).

In the previous sections, the highest diffusion coefficients have been obtained for K, Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  in biotite, intermediate values for K in microcline and muscovite, and lowest values for Na in albite. However, the significance of these numbers, particularly for the major elements Na and K, is uncertain, since ion exchange (interdiffusion) has occurred rather than self-diffusion.

To consider ion exchange in the Prosperous Lake Granite, the



analogy of ion exchange between two alkali feldspars, where there is movement of cations (interdiffusion of Na and K) through a fixed anionic lattice, will be used. Petrovic (1972) and Manning (1968) have given the following expression, equation [4], for an interdiffusion coefficient,  $D_{Na, K}$ , in the above binary system, where electrical neutrality must be maintained.

$$[4] \quad D_{Na, K} = \frac{D_{Na}^* D_K^*}{D_{Na}^* N_{Na} + D_K^* N_K}$$

$D_j^*$  is the composition independent tracer (self) diffusion coefficient of component  $j$ , and  $N_j$  is the fraction of cation sites occupied by component  $j$  ( $N_{Na} + N_K = 1$ ). The expression results from the requirement for no net flux of material (to maintain electrical neutrality) in spite of the difference in mobilities of the two ions. The result is a driving force in terms of a "diffusion potential" and coupling of diffusion between Na and K.

In the case where  $N_K = 1$ , i.e. in the pure K mineral commencing exchange with Na, the expression reduces to  $D_{Na, K} = D_{Na}^*$ ; similarly, for  $N_{Na} = 1$ ,  $D_{Na, K} = D_K^*$ . Thus, initially, diffusion in the binary system is governed by the diffusion potential generated by the ion which is trying to get into, not by the one trying to get out of the lattice.

When the mobility of one ion is much larger than for the other, e.g. if  $D_{Na}^* \gg D_K^*$ , equation [4] reduces to  $D_{Na, K} = D_K^* / (1 - N_K)$ , and unless  $N_K = 1$ , the rate of diffusion becomes determined by the mobility of the less mobile particles (Jost, 1960).

Literature on diffusion of alkalis in alkali feldspars has been reviewed extensively in Feldspar Minerals (1974, Vol. 2, Smith, ed.).





Diffusion coefficients measured under dry and hydrothermal conditions are very similar, and are little affected by variations in  $H_2O$  pressure. Petrovic (1972) has also summarized data on diffusion and interdiffusion in alkali feldspars, and stated that the self-diffusion coefficient for Na in a given feldspar is much higher than that for K in the same feldspar. For a given cation, the diffusion coefficient increases as the  $K/(Na+K)$  in the structure increases. In other words, the highest diffusion rate is for the smallest cation (Na) in the structure with the greatest volume, and the lowest rate for K in albite, as expected from simple geochemical principles. Foland (1974) found for self-diffusion in orthoclase at  $800^\circ C$  and 2 kbar, that the coefficient for Na was approximately three orders of magnitude greater than for K or Rb, the difference increasing with increasing temperature. Therefore,  $D_{Na}^* \gg D_K^*$  probably in both albite and microcline, and the interdiffusion coefficient in alkali feldspars can be estimated, as above, to be mainly determined by K diffusivity, except in the very pure microcline end-member. It should be noted that the expression for the interdiffusion coefficient is actually an approximation, since in reality the self-diffusion coefficients for an ion, e.g.  $Na^+$ , in the different alkali feldspar end-members differ, and cannot be assumed constant over the whole composition range (Petrovic, 1972).

Data from the present experiment make more sense in light of the above discussion. As indicated in a later section, the heated K minerals were relatively homogeneous, with few concentration gradients and so microprobe analyses are close to representative for whole grains. Then, the diffusion coefficients obtained on Na-K exchange for muscovite,





biotite, and microcline, in qualitative terms, probably refer to values intermediate between the self-diffusion coefficients of Na and K, or to interdiffusion coefficients. In these minerals, diffusion occurs faster in biotite, and slower and at approximately the same rate in muscovite and microcline.

Albite grains, however, showed high gradients in K concentration (section B.3,4), and only the central relatively unchanged areas (approximately  $20 \times 20$  microns<sup>2</sup>) were analysed using energy dispersive analysis, not yielding representative analyses of whole grains. From material balance considerations, the summation of K diffusion out of the K-minerals, and K diffusion into albite should be identical, and result in the same interdiffusion coefficient. The values obtained in albite, however, not being representative of whole grains, but only of the almost unchanged albite central portions of grains, must refer to the diffusion of K into albite (assuming  $D_{Na}^* \gg D_K^*$ ), which is much slower than any of the other diffusion processes.

The limiting factor in alkali ion exchange in the Prosperous Lake Granite appears to be the diffusion of K into albite. This slow process determines the availability of Na to the remaining minerals. Once out of albite, Na and K interdiffuse more rapidly through the K minerals, with a resultant lack of concentration gradients in these minerals.

In general, the results of the experiment agree with previous work on interdiffusion in feldspars. Calculated diffusion coefficients are also in agreement with values obtained under dry and hydrothermal conditions in pure minerals, for solid state volume diffusion.



### 3. Wavelength Dispersive Analysis

Two 50-second counts per grain using wavelength dispersive analysis on the electron microprobe were carried out on five to ten random grains of the 1079 hour and unheated (and/or 2.5 hour) minerals. The three spectrometers were set at the  $K\alpha$  x-ray wavelengths for Si, Na, and K for biotite and muscovite, and at Ca, Na, and K wavelengths for albite and microcline. The number of counts obtained is related to the concentration of the element in the sample, but no standards were used, so that absolute concentrations could not be calculated. The average value for the grains and range of values (in brackets) in counts per second, cps, are listed for a specified number of grains of each sample in Table XII. Ranges are given, since the error, which includes both analytical counting error and sample variation, could not be determined. One 50-second count on one grain of quartz yielded values (Ca = 6.1 cps, K = 4.2 cps, Na = 3.3 cps) which can be used to approximate background counts for these elements in everything but the microclines, which were analysed on a different day.

The results demonstrate that with heating, Na decreases and K increases in albite, and that K decreases and Na increases in the other minerals, while Si or Ca have remained constant. The range in K and Na counts in the heated minerals is much higher than in the unheated ones, indicating that the grains have undergone ion exchange to a variable extent. The extent of exchange that an individual grain has undergone, in all likelihood, depends on the environment of the grain in the rock, on its size and distance from grains with which it can exchange.



TABLE XII

Element X-Ray Counts for Heated and Unheated Minerals

Sample	No. of grains	Si (cps)	K (cps)	Na (cps)
Unheated biotite	8	229 (223-236)	347 (322-357)	4.3 (3.9-4.8)
1079 hour biotite	8	235 (221-257)	240 (155-299)	80 ( 48-116)
Unheated muscovite	5	300 (292-308)	386 (378-388)	26 ( 22- 32)
2.5 hour muscovite	5	304 (295-313)	384 (368-396)	25 ( 22- 28)
1079 hour muscovite	10	304 (293-320)	346 (303-369)	59 ( 38- 83)
		Ca (cps)	K (cps)	Na (cps)
Unheated albite	7	37 ( 18- 61)	6.9 (6.0-7.7)	524 (491-543)
2.5 hour albite	9	42 ( 16- 58)	8.4 (6.6-12.2)	512 (488-548)
1079 hour albite	10	49 ( 24- 63)	71 ( 12-342)	423 (218-512)
2.5 hour microcline	9	6.9 (5.8-8.1)	575 (554-583)	31 ( 23- 36)
1079 hour microcline	20	6.9 (5.8-8.8)	494 (417-555)	106 ( 55-179)





In the 1079 hour albite grains, large differences were observed also between the two counts obtained at different portions of the grain for every grain. For the 1079 hour microcline, there was no significant difference in the two counts for any of the grains, although different grains had exchanged K for Na to differing extents. For 1079 hour muscovite and biotite, in most cases the two counts within one grain were similar, although in a few grains a significant difference in the two counts was observable. The data demonstrate the presence of large concentration variations in the heated albites, some variation in the heated muscovites and biotites, and no variation in the heated microcline grains.

#### 4. X-Ray Scanning Photographs

X-ray scanning photographs were taken of minerals in grain mounts (Plates I through V) and of the 405 hour thin section (Plates VI to VIII). Using the wavelength dispersive system on the electron microprobe, the spectrometers were set to detect the  $K\alpha$  x-ray wavelengths of certain elements, and photographs were taken with beam scanning over areas approximately  $300 \times 300$  microns<sup>2</sup> (except for Plate V, where areas covered were approximately  $37.5 \times 37.5$  microns<sup>2</sup>). Each photograph is composed of dots, each dot or count referring to an x-ray quantum corresponding to the element of interest. The element and total number of counts obtained is listed for each photograph. Completely black areas in the grain mount photographs are epoxy in which the grains are mounted. Otherwise, the brightness (number of dots or counts) in different parts of a photograph varies with the concentration of the element being detected in the sample.







PLATE I

X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Microclines

1. 100 hour Microcline

Na X 40,000 counts

2. 213 hour Microcline

Na X 80,000 counts

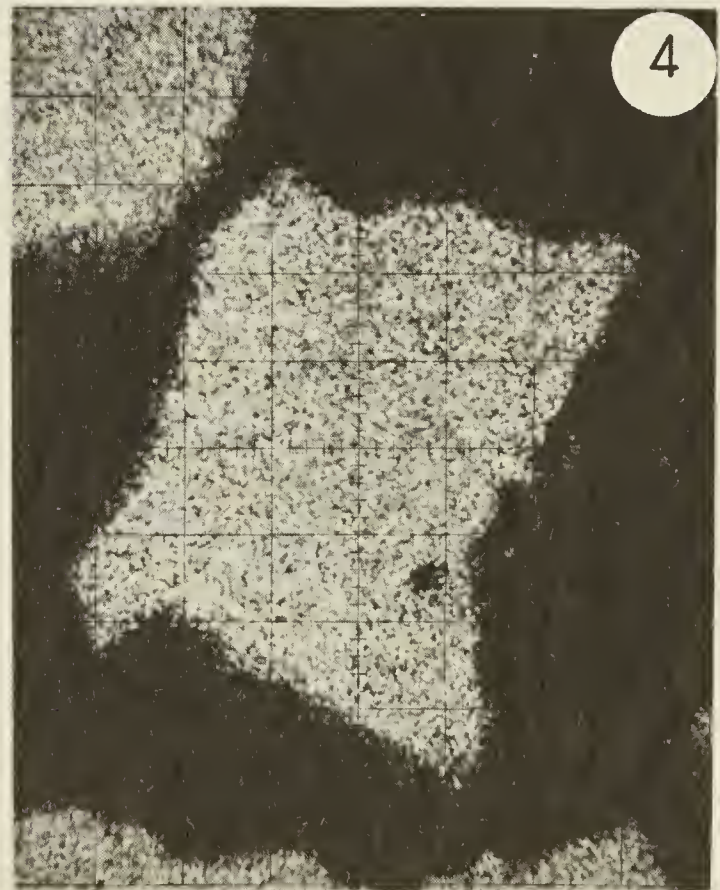
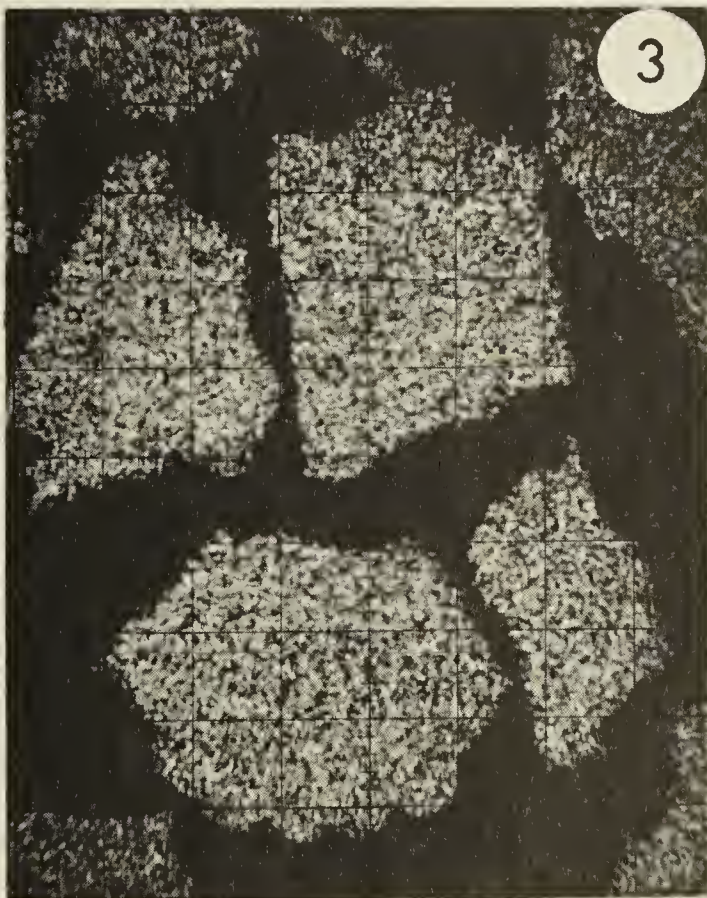
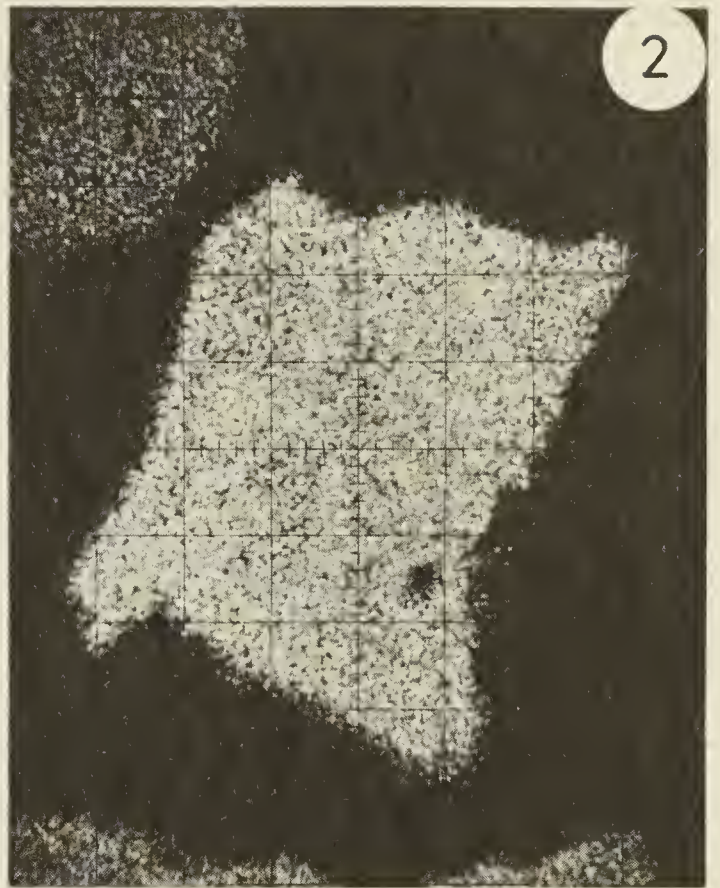
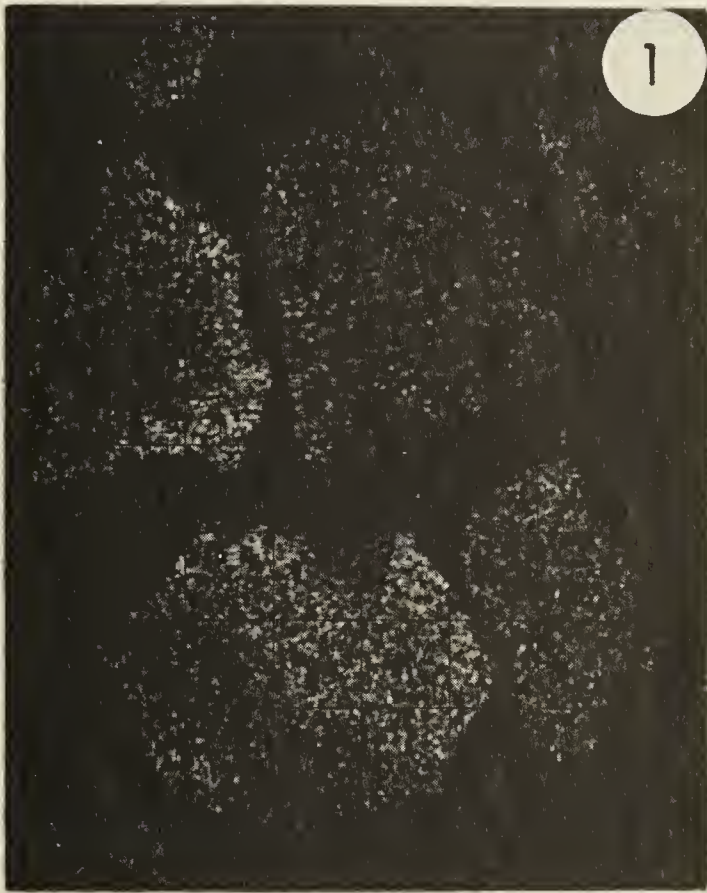
3. 100 hour Microcline

K X 90,000 counts

4. 213 hour Microcline

K X 80,000 counts

## PLATE I.



0 60 120 180  
microns







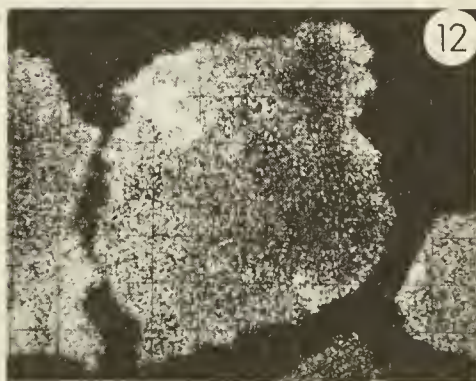
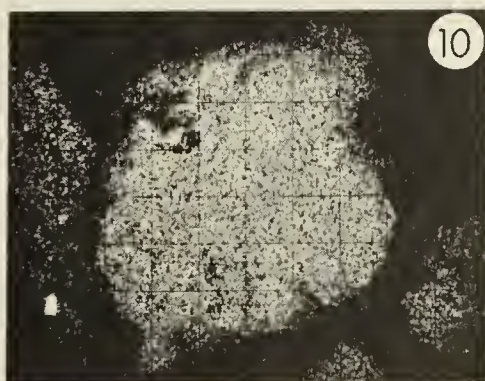
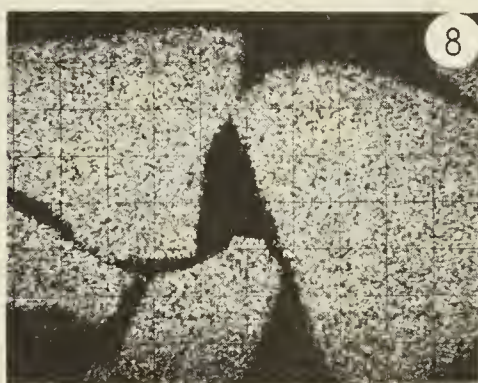
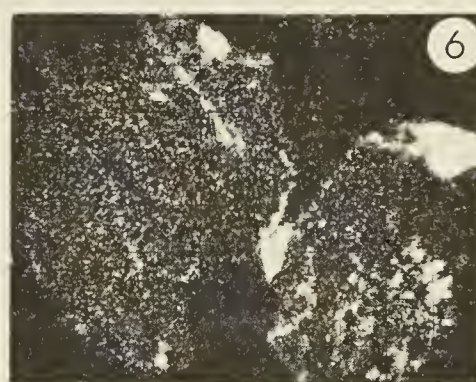
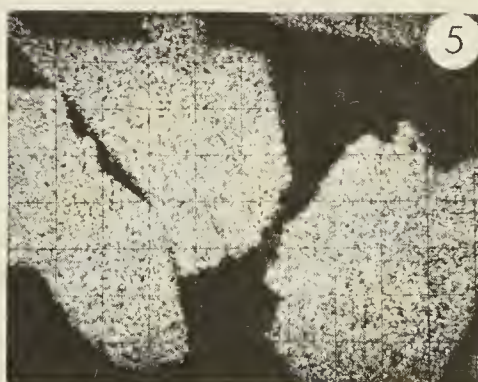
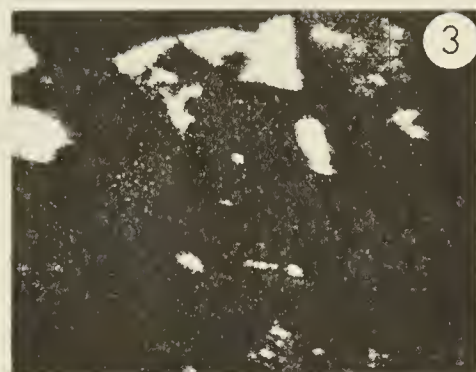
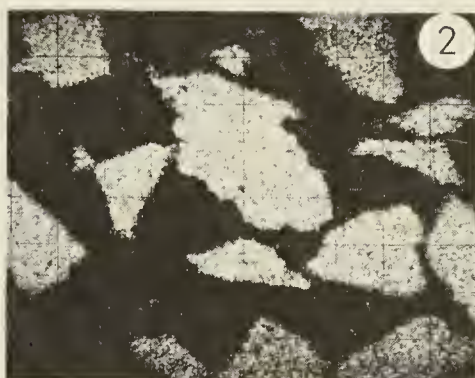
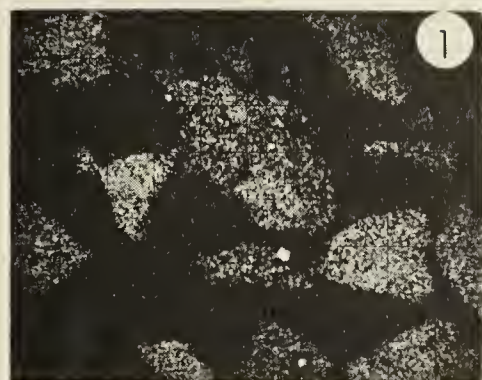
## PLATE II

### X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Albites

1. unheated Albite Ca X 45,000 counts	2. unheated Albite Na X 80,000 counts	3. unheated Albite K X 80,000 counts
4. 2.5 hour Albite Ca X 26,000 counts	5. 2.5 hour Albite Na X 95,000 counts	6. 2.5 hour Albite K X 60,000 counts
7. 100 hour Albite Ca X 60,000 counts	8. 100 hour Albite Na X 80,000 counts	9. 100 hour Albite K X 60,000 counts
10. 1079 hour Albite Ca X 80,000 counts	11. 1079 hour Albite Na X 80,000 counts	12. 1079 hour Albite K X 80,000 counts



## PLATE II.



0 60 120 180  
microns







PLATE III

X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Muscovites

1. 100 hour Muscovite  
K X 70,000 counts

2. 100 hour Muscovite  
Na X 50,000 counts

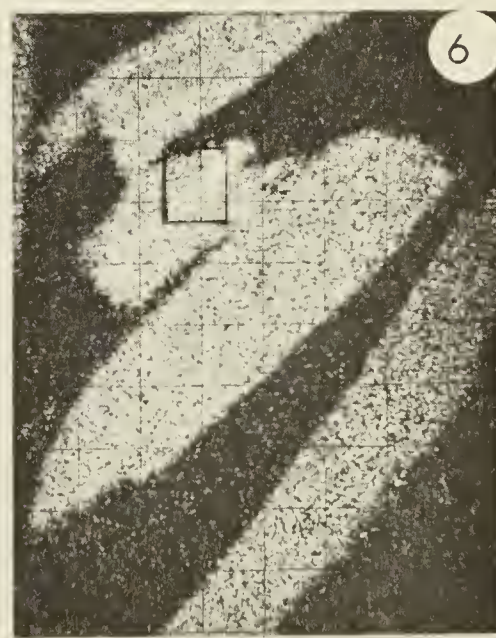
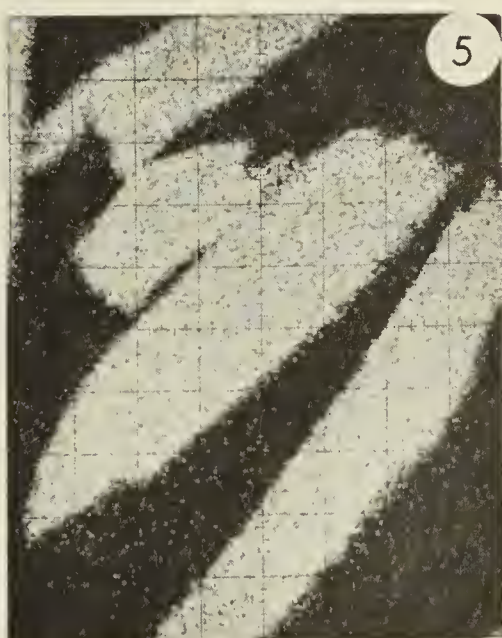
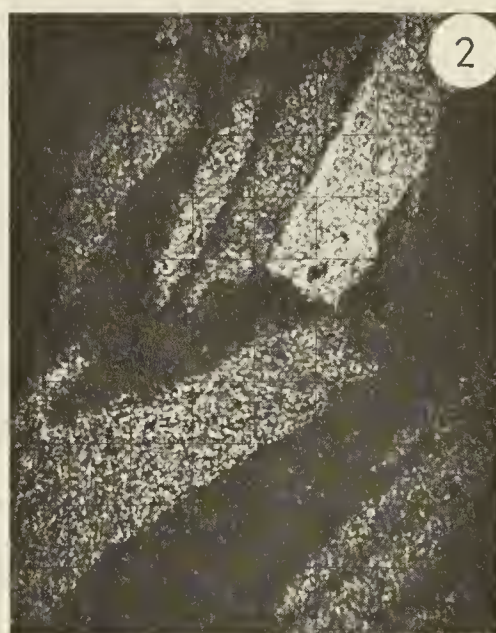
3. 405 hour Muscovite  
K X 70,000 counts

4. 405 hour Muscovite  
Na X 60,000 counts

5. 1079 hour Muscovite  
K X 150,000 counts

6. 1079 hour Muscovite  
Na X 80,000 counts

## PLATE III



0 60 120 160  
microns







PLATE IV

X-Ray Scanning Photographs of Biotites

1. 100 hour Biotite

Na X 50,000 counts

2. 1079 hour Biotite

Na X 80,000 counts

3. 100 hour Biotite

K X 70,000 counts

4. 1079 hour Biotite

K X 80,000 counts

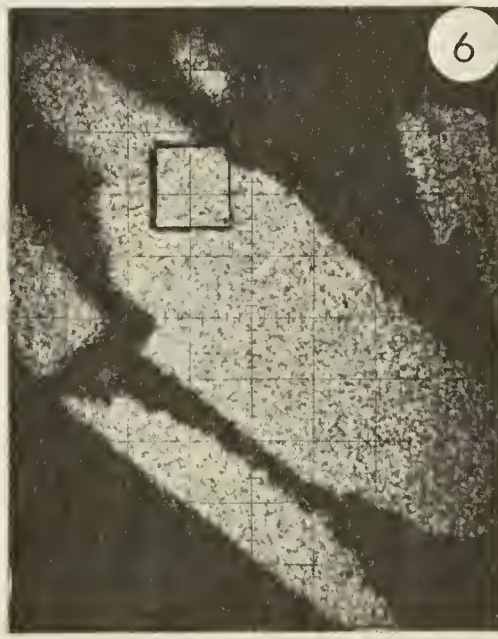
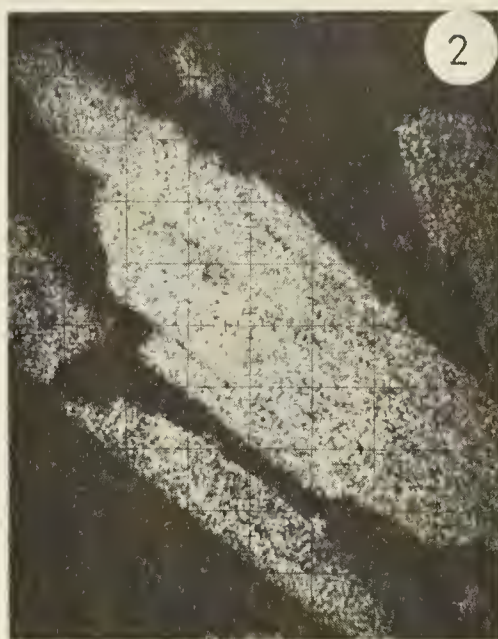
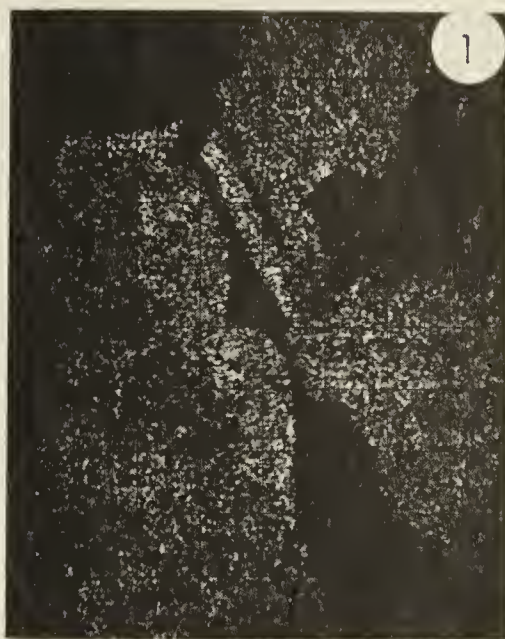
5. 100 hour Biotite

Mg X 70,000 counts

6. 1079 hour Biotite

Mg X 80,000 counts

## PLATE IV.



0 60 120 180  
microns



TABLE 1

Year		1990		1995		2000		2005		2010	
1990	1990	1990		1995		2000		2005		2010	
	1990	1990		1995		2000		2005		2010	
1995	1995	1995		2000		2005		2010		2015	
	1995	1995		2000		2005		2010		2015	
2000	2000	2000		2005		2010		2015		2020	
	2000	2000		2005		2010		2015		2020	
2005	2005	2005		2010		2015		2020		2025	
	2005	2005		2010		2015		2020		2025	
2010	2010	2010		2015		2020		2025		2030	
	2010	2010		2015		2020		2025		2030	
2015	2015	2015		2020		2025		2030		2035	
	2015	2015		2020		2025		2030		2035	
2020	2020	2020		2025		2030		2035		2040	
	2020	2020		2025		2030		2035		2040	
2025	2025	2025		2030		2035		2040		2045	
	2025	2025		2030		2035		2040		2045	
2030	2030	2030		2035		2040		2045		2050	
	2030	2030		2035		2040		2045		2050	
2035	2035	2035		2040		2045		2050		2055	
	2035	2035		2040		2045		2050		2055	
2040	2040	2040		2045		2050		2055		2060	
	2040	2040		2045		2050		2055		2060	
2045	2045	2045		2050		2055		2060		2065	
	2045	2045		2050		2055		2060		2065	
2050	2050	2050		2055		2060		2065		2070	
	2050	2050		2055		2060		2065		2070	
2055	2055	2055		2060		2065		2070		2075	
	2055	2055		2060		2065		2070		2075	
2060	2060	2060		2065		2070		2075		2080	
	2060	2060		2065		2070		2075		2080	
2065	2065	2065		2070		2075		2080		2085	
	2065	2065		2070		2075		2080		2085	
2070	2070	2070		2075		2080		2085		2090	
	2070	2070		2075		2080		2085		2090	
2075	2075	2075		2080		2085		2090		2095	
	2075	2075		2080		2085		2090		2095	
2080	2080	2080		2085		2090		2095		2100	
	2080	2080		2085		2090		2095		2100	
2085	2085	2085		2090		2095		2100		2105	
	2085	2085		2090		2095		2100		2105	
2090	2090	2090		2095		2100		2105		2110	
	2090	2090		2095		2100		2105		2110	
2095	2095	2095		2100		2105		2110		2115	
	2095	2095		2100		2105		2110		2115	
2100	2100	2100		2105		2110		2115		2120	
	2100	2100		2105		2110		2115		2120	
2105	2105	2105		2110		2115		2120		2125	
	2105	2105		2110		2115		2120		2125	
2110	2110	2110		2115		2120		2125		2130	
	2110	2110		2115		2120		2125		2130	
2115	2115	2115		2120		2125		2130		2135	
	2115	2115		2120		2125		2130		2135	
2120	2120	2120		2125		2130		2135		2140	
	2120	2120		2125		2130		2135		2140	
2125	2125	2125		2130		2135		2140		2145	
	2125	2125		2130		2135		2140		2145	
2130	2130	2130		2135		2140		2145		2150	
	2130	2130		2135		2140		2145		2150	
2135	2135	2135		2140		2145		2150		2155	
	2135	2135		2140		2145		2150		2155	
2140	2140	2140		2145		2150		2155		2160	
	2140	2140		2145		2150		2155		2160	
2145	2145	2145		2150		2155		2160		2165	
	2145	2145		2150		2155		2160		2165	
2150	2150	2150		2155		2160		2165		2170	
	2150	2150		2155		2160		2165		2170	
2155	2155	2155		2160		2165		2170		2175	
	2155	2155		2160		2165		2170		2175	
2160	2160	2160		2165		2170		2175		2180	
	2160	2160		2165		2170		2175		2180	
2165	2165	2165		2170		2175		2180		2185	
	2165	2165		2170		2175		2180		2185	
2170	2170	2170		2175		2180		2185		2190	
	2170	2170		2175		2180		2185		2190	
2175	2175	2175		2180		2185		2190		2195	
	2175	2175		2180		2185		2190		2195	
2180	2180	2180		2185		2190		2195		2200	
	2180	2180		2185		2190		2195		2200	
2185	2185	2185		2190		2195		2200		2205	
	2185	2185		2190		2195		2200		2205	
2190	2190	2190		2195		2200		2205		2210	
	2190	2190		2195		2200		2205		2210	
2195	2195	2195		2200		2205		2210		2215	
	2195	2195		2200		2205		2210		2215	
2200	2200	2200		2205		2210		2215		2220	
	2200	2200		2205		2210		2215		2220	
2205	2205	2205		2210		2215		2220		2225	
	2205	2205		2210		2215		2220		2225	
2210	2210	2210		2215		2220		2225		2230	
	2210	2210		2215		2220		2225		2230	
2215	2215	2215		2220		2225		2230		2235	
	2215	2215		2220		2225		2230		2235	
2220	2220	2220		2225		2230		2235		2240	
	2220	2220		2225		2230		2235		2240	
2225	2225	2225		2230		2235		2240		2245	
	2225	2225		2230		2235		2240		2245	
2230	2230	2230		2235		2240		2245		2250	
	2230	2230		2235		2240		2245		2250	
2235	2235	2235		2240		2245		2250		2255	
	2235	2235		2240		2245		2250		2255	
2240	2240	2240		2245		2250		2255		2260	
	2240	2240		2245		2250		2255		2260	
2245	2245	2245		2250		2255		2260		2265	
	2245	2245		2250		2255		2260		2265	
2250	2250	2250		2255		2260		2265		2270	
	2250	2250		2255		2260		2265		2270	
2255	2255	2255		2260		2265		2270		2275	
	2255	2255		2260		2265		2270		2275	
2260	2260	2260		2265		2270		2275		2280	
	2260	2260		2265		2270		2275		2280	
2265	2265	2265		2270		2275		2280		2285	
	2265	2265		2270		2275		2280		2285	
2270	2270	2270		2275		2280		2285		2290	
	2270	2270		2275		2280		2285		2290	
2275	2275	2275		2280		2285		2290		2295	
	2275	2275		2280		2285		2290		2295	
2280	2280	2280		2285		2290		2295		2300	
	2280	2280		2285		2290		2295		2300	
2285	2285	2285		2290		2295		2300		2305	
	2285	2285		2290		2295		2300		2305	
2290	2290	2290		2295		2300		2305		2310	
	2290	2290		2295		2300		2305		2310	
2295	2295	2295		2300		2305		2310		2315	
	2295	2295		2300		2305		2310		2315	
2300	2300	2300		2305		2310		2315		2320	
	2300	2300		2305		2310		2315		2320	
2305	2305	2305		2310		2315		2320		2325	
	2305	2305		2310		2315		2320		2325	
2310	2310	2310		2315		2320		2325		2330	
	2310	2310		2315		2320		2325		2330	
2315	2315	2315		2320		2325		2330		2335	
	2315	2315		2320		2325		2330		2335	
2320	2320	2320		2325		2330		2335		2340	
	2320	2320		2325		2330		2335		2340	
2325	2325	2325		2330		2335		2340		2345	
	2325	2325		2330		2335		2340		2345	
2330	2330	2330		2335		2340		2345		2350	
	2330	2330		2335		2340		2345		2350	
2335	2335	2335		2340		2345		2350		2355	
	2335	2335		2340		2345		2350		2355	
2340	2340	2340		2345		2350		2355		2360	
	2340	2340		2345		2350		2355		2360	
2345	2345	2345		2350		2355		2360		2365	
	2345	2345		2350		2355		2360		2365	
2350	2350	2350		2355		2360		2365		2370	
	2350	2350		2355		2360		2365		2370	
2355	2355	2355		2360		2365		2370		2375	
	2355	2355		2360		2365		2370		2375	
2360	2360	2360		2365		2370		2375		2380	
	2360	2360		2365		2370		2375		2380	
2365	2365	2365		2370		2375		2380		2385	
	2365	2365		2370		2375		2380		2385	
2370	2370	2370		2375		2380		2385		2390	
	2370	2370		2375		2380		2385		2390	
2375	2375	2375		2380		2385		2390		2395	
	2375	2375		2380		2385		2390			



PLATE V

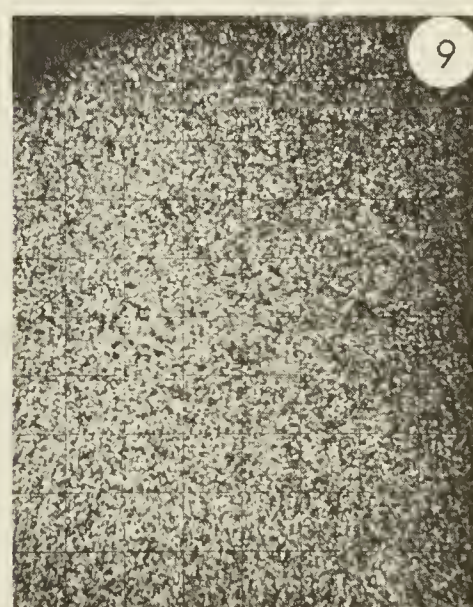
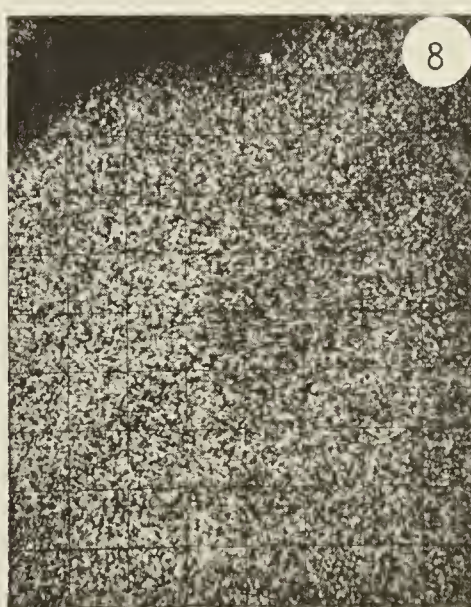
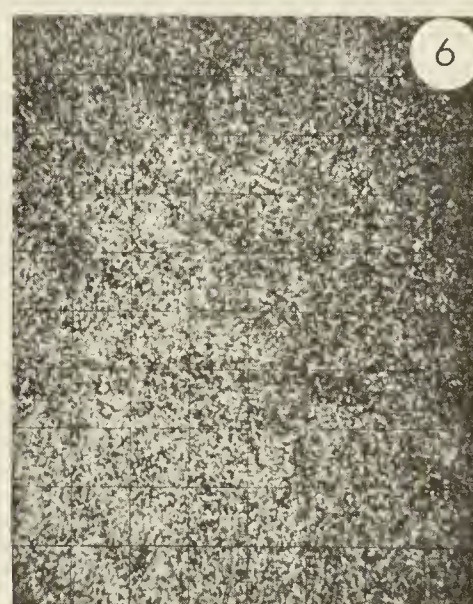
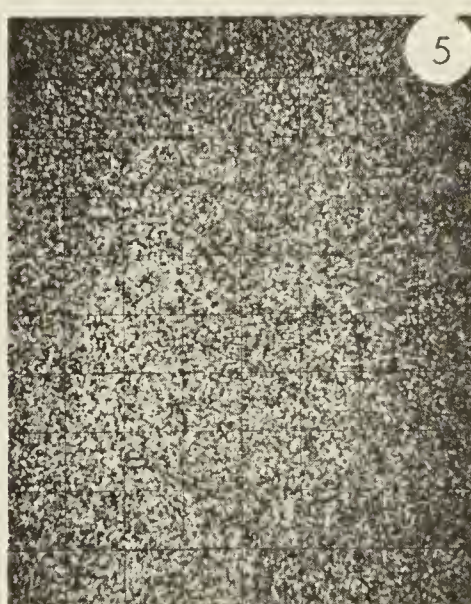
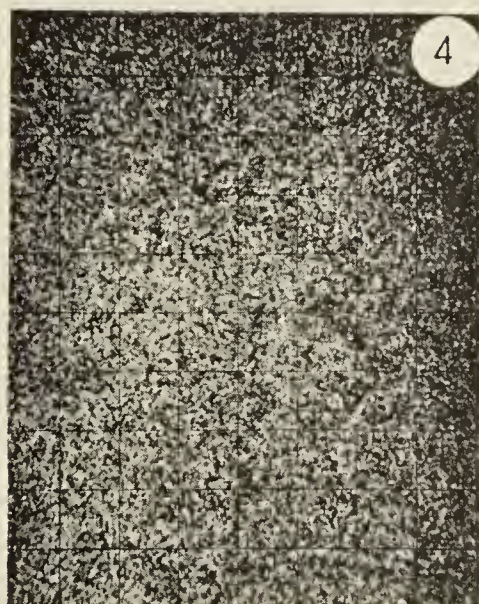
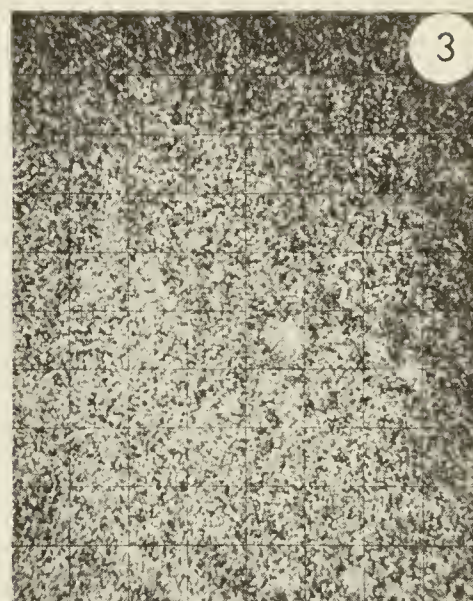
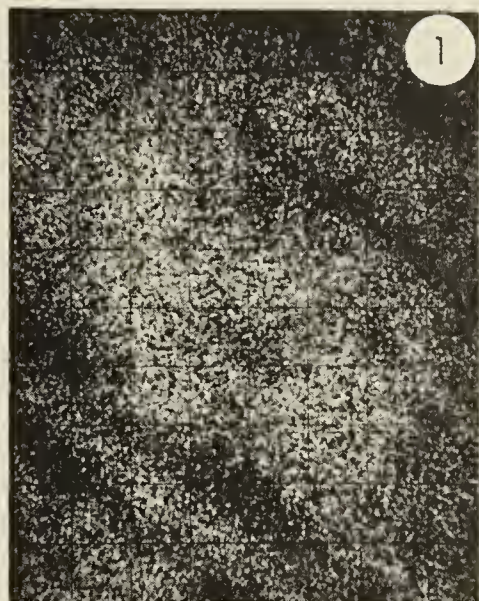
X-Ray Scanning Photographs - Enlargements<sup>\*</sup>  
of 1079 Hour Biotite and Muscovite  
(all 80,000 counts)

- |                              |                             |                              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 1079 hour Biotite<br>Na   | 2. 1079 hour Biotite<br>K   | 3. 1079 hour Biotite<br>Fe   |
| 4. 1079 hour Biotite<br>Si   | 5. 1079 hour Biotite<br>Ti  | 6. 1079 hour Biotite<br>Mg   |
| 7. 1079 hour Muscovite<br>Na | 8. 1079 hour Muscovite<br>K | 9. 1079 hour Muscovite<br>Al |

\* - Photographs 1 to 6 refer to the same area of 1079 hour Biotite indicated on Plate IV photograph 6; photographs 7 to 9 refer to the area of 1079 hour Muscovite indicated on Plate III photograph 6.



## PLATE V.



0 10 20 30  
microns





# Figure 10



Figure 10: Evolution of the system over time.

PLATE VI

X-Ray Scanning Photographs of 405 Hour Thin

Section - Albite, Microcline Contact

(only albite and microcline are present in the field of view)

1. K X 80,000 counts

2. Na X 80,000 counts

3. Al X 80,000 counts

4. Ca X 40,000 counts



## PLATE VI.

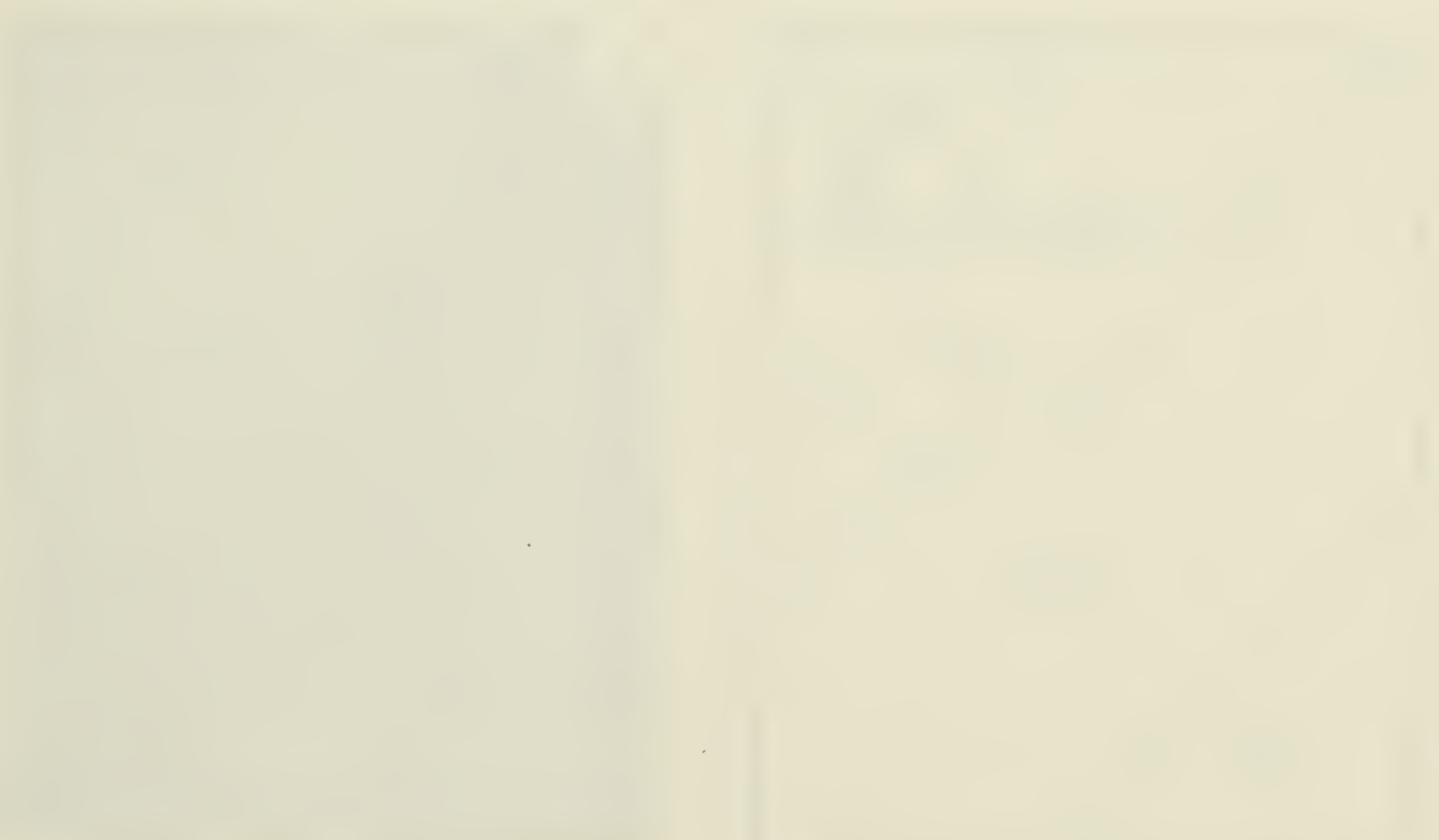


0 60 120 180  
microns





# PLATE 1





## PLATE VII

X-Ray Scanning Photographs of 405 Hour Thin  
Section - Biotite, Albite, Quartz Contact

1. K X 70,000 counts

2. Fe X 70,000 counts

3. Na X 80,000 counts

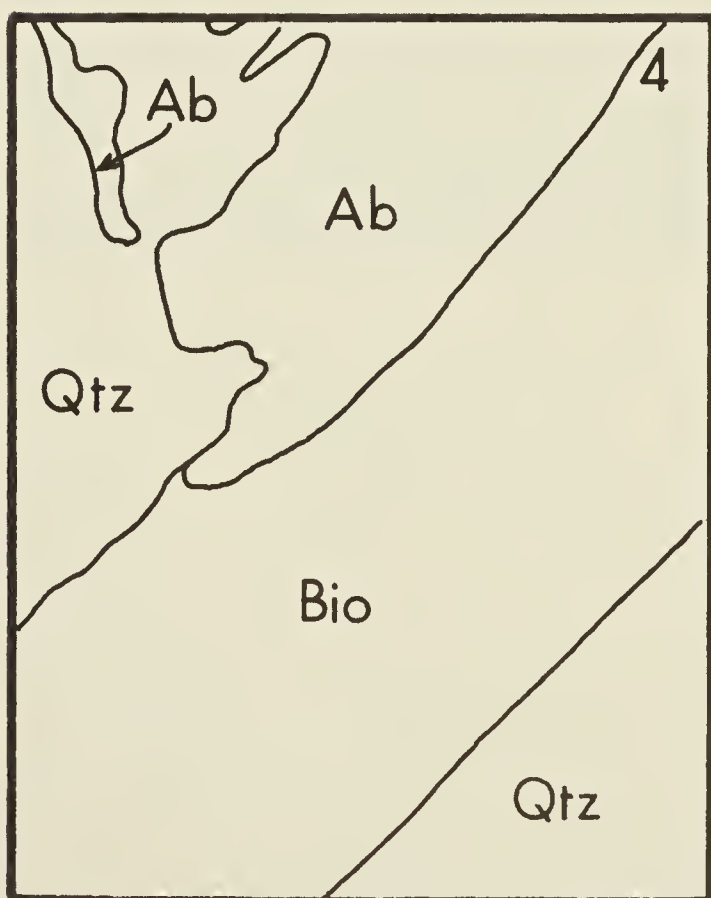
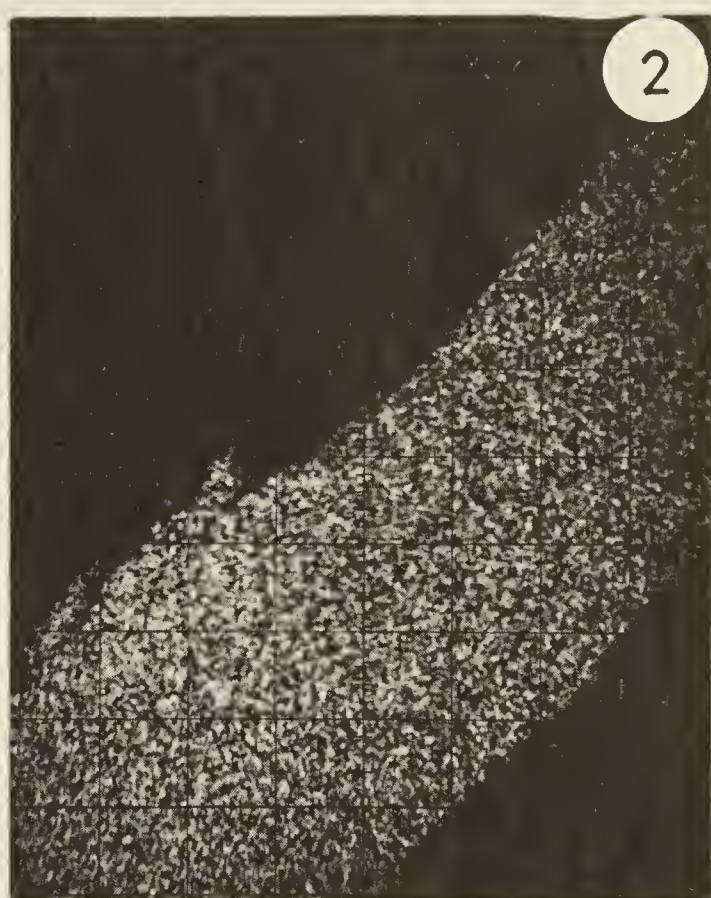
4. Schematic diagram  
of thin section

Ab = albite

Bio = biotite

Qtz = quartz

## PLATE VII.



0 60 120 180  
microns



## THE FUTURE

<p>1. The first of the three main branches of the tree of life is the plant kingdom. This includes all the green plants, from the simplest algae to the most complex flowering plants. The plant kingdom is the largest and most diverse of the three main branches.</p>	<p>2. The second of the three main branches of the tree of life is the animal kingdom. This includes all the animals, from the simplest sponges to the most complex mammals. The animal kingdom is the second largest and most diverse of the three main branches.</p>
<p>3. The third of the three main branches of the tree of life is the fungi kingdom. This includes all the fungi, from the simplest yeasts to the most complex mushrooms. The fungi kingdom is the third largest and most diverse of the three main branches.</p>	<p>4. The fourth of the three main branches of the tree of life is the protist kingdom. This includes all the protists, from the simplest amoebae to the most complex ciliates. The protist kingdom is the fourth largest and most diverse of the three main branches.</p>
<p>5. The fifth of the three main branches of the tree of life is the bacteria kingdom. This includes all the bacteria, from the simplest cocci to the most complex bacilli. The bacteria kingdom is the fifth largest and most diverse of the three main branches.</p>	<p>6. The sixth of the three main branches of the tree of life is the archaea kingdom. This includes all the archaea, from the simplest coccidia to the most complex bacilli. The archaea kingdom is the sixth largest and most diverse of the three main branches.</p>

## PLATE VIII

X-Ray Scanning Photographs of 405 Hour Thin Section -  
Biotite, Albite, Quartz, Muscovite, Microcline Contact

1. Na X 70,000 counts

2. K X 70,000 counts

3. Al X 76,000 counts

4. Ca X 45,000 counts

5. Fe X 60,000 counts

6. Schematic diagram  
of thin section

Ab = albite

Bio = biotite

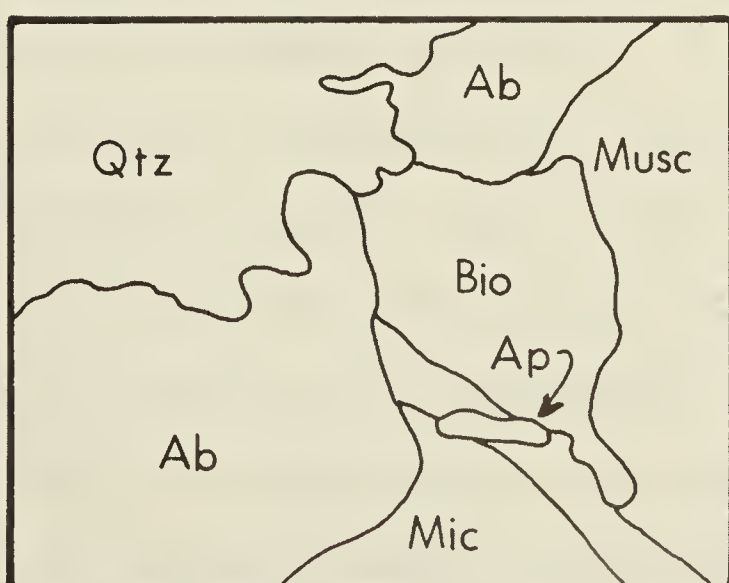
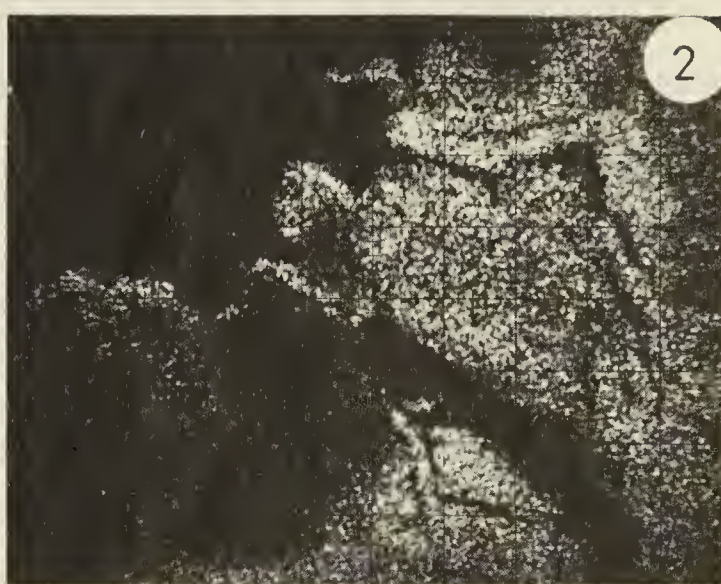
Qtz = quartz

Mic = microcline

Musc = muscovite



## PLATE VIII.



0 60 120 180  
microns





Plate I includes Na and K photographs of the 100 and 213 hour microcline samples. Some gradation of brightness can be seen in the Na photograph of the 100 hour microcline, i.e. there is a concentration gradient of Na within grains of microcline. A reciprocal variation of concentration in the K photograph cannot be seen due to the much higher concentration of K as compared to Na in the mineral. In the 213 hour photographs, no gradients of concentration are visible, but evidently there is still a variation in Na concentration between grains, although the difference does not show in the K photograph. (A change of Na concentration from, e.g. 0.1 to 0.2%, is very evident because twice the brightness results, whereas the corresponding change in K, e.g. from 8.0 to 7.9%, is not so easily visible since one region is 79/80th as bright as the other). Obviously, it will be difficult to detect any concentration gradients in the major elements of the minerals, therefore Na photographs for the K minerals, and K photographs for albite should be more closely inspected. In the microclines heated longer than 213 hours, no gradients or differences of Na or K concentration between grains could be detected by the photographic method. Unheated microcline was homogeneous with respect to K, and contained no Na, thus no photographs were taken.

Plate II details changes in Ca, Na, and K concentrations in albites from the unheated through to the 1079 hour sample. Very bright areas in the K photographs of unheated and 2.5 hour albite are impurities and inclusions of microcline. In the 100 and 1079 hour K photographs, sharp concentration gradients are evident, particularly around grain edges and near what was previously microcline. Reciprocal changes can be seen in the Na photographs. Ca photographs demonstrate some original inhomogeneity due to zoning of the plagioclase, but Ca does not appear to have



moved around with heating. The K photographs illustrate an increasing homogenization and smoothing of gradients with length of heating.

Plates III and IV of heated muscovites and biotites show some Na concentration variations within grains, and the biotites show analogous and opposite variations in K concentration. Areas of high Na concentration are not only at the edges of grains, but also appear in bands throughout a grain (perhaps parallel to the cleavage or along crystal imperfections?). Fe and Mg were homogeneously distributed in 1079 hour biotite and muscovite at the magnification of these photographs. Approximate areas where x-ray scanning photographic enlargements (seen in Plate V) of 1079 hour muscovite and biotite were taken, are outlined on photographs 6 of Plates III and IV.

Plate V again demonstrates reciprocal variations of K and Na in the 1079 hour muscovite and biotite. However, at the higher magnification, some localization of Fe and Mg concentrations in the 1079 hour biotite can be seen (not evident at the same magnification in unheated biotite), whereas Si and Ti are homogeneously distributed over the area of the photograph. The biotite photographs indicate the heat induced nucleation of new phases containing Fe and Mg, suggesting that these ions have migrated several microns from their original lattice positions. However, Na and K have exchanged over a larger scale, in a fashion apparently unrelated to the Fe and Mg distributions. There is no evidence of nucleation of new phases in the 1079 hour muscovite, since Al (and Mg) are homogeneously distributed, but nucleation could be occurring on a scale smaller than a few microns, and would not be visible on the photographs.

Plates VI to VIII are included to show that the same processes postulated to be occurring above, can also be visualized in the thin sections with the grains of the rock still in contact. Plate VI depicts





homogenization of Na and K between albite and microcline. The Ca photograph indicates the boundaries of the albite region, and that Ca has apparently not moved with heating. The K concentration gradients are haphazardly distributed around the microcline grain, suggesting that migration may be taking place along paths of least resistance, e.g. grain boundaries or crystal dislocations (non-volume diffusion as compared to volume or lattice diffusion).

Plates VII and VIII are generally self-explanatory. Black areas on all photographs are either cracks in the thin section, or quartz, which can be distinguished using the schematic diagram. These two plates demonstrate that indeed grain boundary or non-volume diffusion seems to be occurring to facilitate ion exchange in the rock. In Plate VII, cracks in albite can be seen in the Na photograph. Areas outlined by the cracks are precisely the ones which have gained the largest amount of K, as seen in the K photograph. Similarly, high concentrations of K can also be seen in Plate VIII along the contact between albite and quartz. The K must have moved from a K mineral by grain boundary diffusion to arrive at the above position. However, the central regions of albite grains, and areas further away from microcline have exchanged less of their Na for K than other regions (seen in Plates VIII and II), suggesting that volume diffusion is also occurring in the rock. Quartz appears to have behaved as an inert constituent during the heating experiment.

In summary, qualitative observations on the x-ray scanning photographs have resulted in the following conclusions. Na and K have interdiffused in the Prosperous Lake Granite between minerals over distances of tens to hundreds of microns as a result of heating.





Concentration gradients cannot be found in microcline heated longer than 100 hours, but very sharp concentration gradients exist in all the heated albites. The central regions of albite grains have undergone the least amount of ion exchange, suggesting a predominance of volume diffusion. Concentration variations found in the heated micas and 405 hour thin section are interpreted to signify that grain boundary diffusion, and migration along dislocations, cracks, or cleavage planes are also of importance in the rock. Ca, Al, and Si do not appear to have undergone any migration, nor Fe or Mg on scales comparable to the migration of K or Na. However, Fe and Mg in biotite have moved due to heating over distances of several microns (resulting in localizations of high concentration of these elements), implying the nucleation of new phases containing Fe and Mg due to instability of the biotite.

### C. Powder X-Ray Diffraction Data on Unheated and Heated Minerals

#### 1. Biotites

The samples of biotite selected for powder x-ray diffraction work were unheated biotite B, unheated biotite B mineral separate heated at 890°C for two hours, and the 5, 213, 802, and 1079 hour biotite samples. Data obtained for samples heated for 802 and 1079 hours were identical, as were results for the 5 hour sample and unheated biotite heated for two hours, therefore data for only one of each of these pairs are listed. Calculated d spacings and estimated intensities (I) of x-ray lines in the powder photographs are presented for the biotites in Table XIII (as well as hkl values for some biotite lines, assigned using ASTM biotite 2-45). Data on a sample of the Prosperous Lake Granite previously heated at 920°C for 100 hours (HB 920°C biotite; Baadsgaard and van Breemen, unpublished data) are also included for comparison in the table.



TABLE XIII POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION DATA ON BIOTITES

Unheated Biotite			5 Hour Biotite		213 Hour Biotite		802 Hour Biotite		HB 920°C Biotite*	
hkl	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	I
001	10.06	100	9.88	100	9.88	100	9.84	100	9.88	10
	6.96	5	4.91	1	4.88	<1	4.62	1 br	4.74	5
020,110	4.59	10	4.56	10	4.55	8				
	3.90	1	3.94	<1					3.70	1
	3.66	7	3.62	10	3.61	10	3.65	20	3.66	20
	3.51	3							3.47	1
	3.39	10	3.35	10	3.35	10	3.33	3	3.32	1
003	3.34	40	3.29	70	3.28	40	3.28	30 }br	3.23	1
112	3.14	7	3.13	8	3.11	8	3.11	7 }br		
113	2.91	7	2.88	8	2.87	10	2.87	7 }br	2.89	10
	2.82	<1							2.70	2
	2.70	<1	2.67	<1	2.68	8	2.68	60	2.68	100
201,130	2.63	70	2.60	80	2.60	60	2.60	25		
004,113	2.51	5	2.47	5	2.51	1	2.50	25	2.51	30
					2.47	2	2.46	10 br	2.46	20 br
201	2.44	30	2.42	50	2.41	25	2.41	8		
	2.41	<1								
	2.31	1 }br	2.28	1 }br	2.28	<1				
040,132	2.27	3 }br	2.24	3 }br	2.24	3				
							2.24	<1		
	2.18	25	2.16	50	2.15	20	2.20	10	2.20	15
							2.15	10 }br		
							2.03	5 }br	2.04	15 br
005	2.00	25	1.98	30	1.98	15	1.98	5		
	1.91	2	1.89	3	1.89	3	1.89	<1		
	1.85	<1	1.83	<1	1.83	2	1.83	20	1.84	25
	1.75	1	1.73	1	1.73	1				
	1.70	1	1.69	1	1.69	5	1.69	25	1.69	45
006	1.68	25	1.66	50	1.66	20	1.66	10		
	1.65	<1								
	1.62	<1	1.61	<1	1.61	<1	1.59	3 }br	1.59	1
	1.59	<1	1.57	<1			1.56	3 }br	1.57	4
	1.54	50	1.53	70	1.53	50	1.53	15 }br		
	1.53	1	1.51	3	1.51	2				
	1.48	2	1.46	2	1.48	1	1.48	15	1.48	25
					1.46		1.45	20	1.45	30
					1.45	4 }br	1.44	4		
	1.44	2	1.42	1	1.42	1				
	1.40	1	1.39	1	1.39	2				
	1.36	15	1.35	20	1.35	15	1.35	4		
	1.33	10	1.32	15	1.32	15	1.32	2	1.31	2
	1.31	5	1.30	7	1.30	7	1.30	8		
	1.30	5	1.29	7	1.29	7				
	1.27	2	1.26	2	1.26	1	1.26	2	1.26	1
	1.26	2	1.24	2	1.24	<1	1.24	1		
			1.23	<1						
	1.22	1	1.21	1	1.21	1	1.19	3	1.19	1
	1.20	1	1.19	1	1.19	1	1.16	3	1.16	2
	1.18	<1					1.14	5	1.14	2
	1.13	8	1.13	15	1.13	10	1.13	<1 br	1.10	2
	1.08	5	1.08	10	1.10	1	1.10	10		
	1.06	4	1.05	10	1.08	7			1.07	<1
					1.05	10	1.05	15	1.05	2
	1.05	5	1.04	10	1.04	10	1.04	3 br	1.04	1
	1.02	1	1.01	2	1.01	1	1.00	2 br		
	1.01	15	1.00	15	0.999	15				
	0.996	20	0.989	20	0.988	20	0.988	15 br		

br - broad or blurred together

\* - lines due to hematite or spinel are underlined





The results on unheated biotite were compared with ASTM 2-45 biotite, and with biotite x-ray films in the X.R.D. library, University of Alberta. All lines, except weak ones at d spacings of 6.96, 3.51, 2.82 and 1.85 Å could be accounted for by biotite. The superfluous lines are not present in any spectra from the heated samples, and are probably due to slight contamination of unheated biotite with another phyllosilicate, e.g. chlorite.

In the 5 hour heated biotite, most of the x-ray diffraction pattern is preserved, but has been shifted to lower d values due to collapse of the biotite lattice after loss of water and oxidation of ferrous iron. Much of the structure is maintained in spite of heating to 1079 hours at 890°C, as evidenced by the intensities of lines in the x-ray spectra. However, by 213 hours of heating, there is significant appearance of new lines attributable to hematite (ASTM 13-534) and possibly spinel ( $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$  - ASTM 21-1152), which increase in intensity in the 802 and 1079 hour samples. No new lines which can be assigned to other crystalline phases, e.g. silicates, can be found. In the HB 920°C biotite, lines due to biotite have virtually disappeared and the ones due to hematite and spinel predominate.

The above results are in accord with published work on heating biotites in air. The thermal stabilities of biotites vary greatly, since the number of octahedral vacancies varies, however, heating below approximately 600 to 700°C in air results in loss of hydroxyl protons (dehydrogenation) with simultaneous oxidation of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  to  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  (Vedder and Wilkins, 1969; White and Sharp, 1971). Dehydroxylation also occurs, and "oxybiotite", which has a unit cell contracted along the c-axis (decreased  $d_{001}$ ) as compared to unheated biotite, is formed (Wones and





Eugster, 1965). The oxybiotite structure is unstable, and with heating to higher temperatures, delamination and structural breakdown occur, with the ejection of octahedral  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  and formation of hematite, both interlayer and along cracks, dislocations, holes and crystal surfaces. Heating for longer times or at higher temperatures results in the formation of an increasing amount of hematite. Depending on the conditions of dehydration, olivine, magnetite, leucite or other crystalline phases can be found on heating lepidomelane; often new phases are amorphous or poorly crystalline (Akizuki et al., 1975).

According to Schneider (1974), intersheet and octahedral layers of biotite decompose more readily on heating than individual  $(\text{Si,Al})\text{O}_4$  tetrahedra, and crystallization of iron oxides occurs before that of silicates also because of differences in ionic mobility and energy of nucleation of various phases. The only new crystalline phases detected in heated biotite from the Prosperous Lake Granite were hematite and spinel (plus the oxybiotite structure which persisted even at 1079 hours). Thus, x-ray diffraction results and electron microprobe x-ray scanning photographs in the present experiment confirm the occurrence of the decomposition processes described above during heating of biotite in situ in a rock.

Undoubtedly, the ready decomposition of biotite on heating accelerates the K-Na exchange between biotite and albite in the Prosperous Lake Granite. Not only is the lattice unstable, but also many crystal imperfections and nucleation sites, where rapid diffusion could occur, are created due to dehydration and oxidation of biotite. Although oxidation of ferrous iron can be compensated by the loss of interlayer cations, e.g.  $\text{K}^+$  (Farmer et al., 1971), in the present case



charge compensation has occurred rapidly via loss of protons (see Experimental Procedures - Heating of Mineral Separates). Only exchange of Na for K in "oxybiotite" occurs with heating; there is no net loss of interlayer cations (Microprobe Results, section B.1). In previous sections, the migration of Na, Rb, and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  in biotite was found to be about ten times as rapid as for the same cations in muscovite and microcline, probably because of the instability of the oxybiotite structure. The calculated diffusion coefficients may perhaps be applicable to cation diffusion in oxybiotite, however, probably signifying to a large extent non-volume diffusion processes. It is unreasonable to assume that the same processes necessarily occur in biotites within the stability field of biotite. At best, the diffusion coefficients calculated in this study put an upper limit upon how rapidly cations can diffuse through biotite, considering solid state processes only (i.e. no dissolution, reprecipitation reactions).

## 2. Muscovites

The unheated muscovite B, the same unheated muscovite heated at 890°C for two hours, and the 5, 50, and 1079 hour muscovite samples were chosen for powder x-ray diffraction study. The unheated muscovite heated for two hours and 5 hour muscovite yielded the same results, thus only data for 5 hour muscovite are reported. Results on the above samples and on HB 920°C muscovite (muscovite from the Prosperous Lake Granite heated at 920°C for 100 hours; Baadsgaard and van Breemen, unpublished results) are shown in Table XIV.



TABLE XIV POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION DATA ON MUSCOVITES

Unheated Muscovite			5 Hour Muscovite			1079 Hour Muscovite			HB 920°C Muscovite *		
hkl	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	d(Å)	I	d(Å)	d(Å)	I	
003	9.99	75	9.99	10	9.99	9.99	8	9.99	9.99	5	
006	4.98	5	5.00	10	5.00	5.00	6	5.00	5.00	5	
100	4.46	75	4.48	100	4.48	4.50	100	4.51	4.51	50	
113	4.31	1	4.29	1	4.30	4.31	1	4.25	4.25	5	
023	4.11	1	4.14	1	4.14	4.15	<1				
104	3.88	10	3.89	30	3.88	3.89	25	3.94	3.94	3	
	3.72	10	3.75	30	3.75	3.76	25	3.81	3.81	3	
116	3.49	15	3.50	30	3.49	3.50	25	3.51	3.51	5	
009	3.33	75	3.35	85	3.34	3.35	70	3.36	3.36	100	
116	3.19	15	3.20	20	3.21	3.22	20	3.23	3.23	20	
	2.99	20	3.01	20	3.02	3.01	15	3.04	3.04	5	
108	2.86	15}br	2.87	20	2.87	2.88	15	2.89	2.89	5	
	2.79		2.81	2	2.80	2.80	3	2.82	2.82	2	
111	2.57	100	2.58	70	2.59	2.59	60	2.59	2.59	20	
00,12	2.46	5	2.50	5	2.50	2.50	3	2.52	2.52	1	
								2.46	2.46	1	
200	2.38	10	2.40	10	2.40	2.41	10	2.40	2.40	20	
	2.24	3	2.25	20	2.25	2.26	20	2.27	2.27	3 br	
	2.20	1									
118	2.13	15	2.15	7	2.16	2.15	4	2.15	2.15	2}br	
	2.06	1	2.08	3	2.08	2.09	4	2.10	2.10	1}br	
00,15	2.00	15	1.99	20	2.00	2.00	20	2.00	2.00	20	
11,10	1.95	1	1.95	<1	1.96	1.96	<1				
11,11	1.88	1	1.89	2	1.90	1.90	2	1.90	1.90	1	
	1.82	1	1.84	<1		1.85	1	1.82	1.82	3	
	1.73	3	1.74	1	1.75	1.74	1				
	1.70	1	1.71	3	1.72	1.72	2				
11,14	1.65	10}br	1.66	20	1.66	1.66	20	1.67	1.67	10	
	1.60	2}br	1.62	3	1.62	1.62	4				
	1.55	2	1.56	7	1.56	1.57	8				
	1.52	2	1.53	5	1.53	1.53	8	1.54	1.54	10	
300	1.50	20	1.51	7	1.51	1.51	8	1.51	1.51	2	
	1.45	1	1.46	1	1.47	1.47	1				
	1.43	1	1.44	2	1.43	1.44	1				
						1.41	1	1.41	1.41	15	
	1.35	4	1.36	7	1.36	1.36	4}br	1.38	1.38	3	
	1.34	1	1.35	<1	1.35	1.35	1}br				
			1.33	1	1.33	1.33	1				
	1.29	5	1.31	5	1.31	1.31	5				
			1.30	1	1.30	1.29	1}br	1.29	1.29	1	
			1.29	3	1.29	1.27	2}br				
	1.27	1	1.27	1	1.27	1.27	<1	1.26	1.26	2	
	1.25	5	1.25	10	1.25	1.25	6	1.23	1.23	2	
	1.22	2	1.22	<1	1.22	1.22	<1				

br - broad or blurred together

\* - lines due to quartz or  $\gamma$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  are underlined





Miller indices assignments for muscovite were made using reported hkl values for a natural 3T muscovite (ASTM 7-42).

The unheated muscovite data compare favorably with spectra in the ASTM catalogue (e.g. synthetic muscovite 2M<sub>1</sub>, ASTM 7-32, and natural muscovite 3T, ASTM 7-42). Essentially all lines persist with the same position and intensity in all samples of muscovite heated at 890°C. There is a slight change in intensity going from unheated to heated samples, mainly in d<sub>001</sub> lines, probably as a result of changes in the x-ray diffracting power of the lattice due to water loss. There may be a small increase in d spacings (expansion of the lattice) with heating. There are two lines of low intensity in the 1079 hour muscovite spectrum at 1.53 and 1.41 Å which differ from spectra of the shorter heated samples. The lines can also be seen in the HB 920°C muscovite, in which the muscovite pattern has become much less intense and a new spectrum which can be assigned to α-quartz (ASTM 5-490) and γ-alumina (ASTM 10-425, with a spinel structure, includes lines at 1.53 and 1.41 Å) or spinel (ASTM 21-1152) is emerging.

Apparently muscovite in the present heating experiment has retained the three dimensional structure of dehydrated muscovite with heating for long periods of time at 890°C. The dehydrated muscovite does not appear to have undergone significant decomposition, although a small amount of an aluminous spinel phase may be present in the longest heated samples. In the x-ray scanning photographs, no nucleation of new phases was detected, suggesting that dehydrated muscovite is quite resistant to structural breakdown.

Roy (1949) found no marked changes upon heating muscovite in air to 940°C. Above this temperature structural breakdown occurred,



resulting in the formation of  $\gamma$ -alumina or spinel. Around 1400°C, corundum,  $\alpha$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , rather than  $\gamma$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (which also contains some Si) formed. Dehydroxylation above 600°C has been found to proceed rapidly due to marked delamination or exfoliation of the mica into thinner sheets, resulting in some puckering of the lattice as well as expansion along the c-axis (Vedder and Wilkins, 1969).

The most extensive heating experiments on muscovite have been carried out by Eberhart (1963 A, B), who obtained similar findings to the above workers. During dehydration (dehydroxylation) the configuration of octahedral and interlayer cation sites were perturbed. Structural breakdown to  $\gamma$ - $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ("spinel") occurred around 1000°C, with other phases, e.g. mullite, leucite, tridymite, forming at higher temperatures. By electron diffraction, however, small crystals (approximately 0.1 micron) of spinel were found to begin appearing with heating at approximately 800°C. The spinel crystals had a definite orientation with respect to the muscovite lattice, and formed more readily along cracks, crystal defects, and cleavage planes. Spinel also formed more easily in muscovite with a higher Na content.

According to Franz and Althaus (1976), substitution of Na for K is a common solid solution mechanism in K micas. Up to 30% of the K in muscovite can be replaced by Na randomly in solid solution without change (decrease) in the lattice spacings, since the large K ions hold apart the interlayer sheets (Nicol and Roy, 1965). Greater than 30% Na substitution puts more strain on the aluminosilicate framework and usually results in an intergrowth of Na- and K-containing phases. It thus appears that incorporation of Na into muscovite, although possible, destabilizes the structure and leads to more rapid breakdown.





X-ray diffraction results for both muscovites and biotites from the Prosperous Lake Granite did not demonstrate any decrease in d spacings due to substitution of increasing amounts of Na into the structure with heating (over 30% exchange did not occur in either case). In addition, the dehydrated muscovite has not decomposed significantly, or has undergone structural reorganization only on a submicroscopic scale in this experiment.

As with biotite, the dehydration of muscovite must increase the rate at which K-Na exchange occurs with heating due to delamination and the creation of many new diffusion paths. Also, x-ray scanning photographs demonstrate little variation of concentration throughout muscovite grains, suggesting non-volume diffusion to be the main process operative. Calculated diffusion coefficients for K-Na exchange in muscovite (Microprobe Results, section B.1) thus may apply for non-volume diffusion in dehydrated muscovite, where diffusion is probably faster than for the same cations in a stable muscovite.

The results of section A.2 indicated an increase in Rb in muscovite with increased heating time, although  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  and K decreased. At 890°C the structure of dehydrated muscovite, which is slightly expanded along the c-axis, is probably the only one that can accommodate the larger Rb ion that is being lost by biotite. Beswick (1973) has found at two kbar total pressure, above 700°C, complete solid solution of Rb in K-phlogopite whereas the solid solution of Rb in sanidine was very limited. At the higher temperatures employed by Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970), Rb as well as K and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  in muscovite was found to decrease with increasing temperatures. However, at these temperatures, the muscovite structure was more completely decomposed to  $\gamma\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and quartz, phases





which would tend to exclude Rb.

### 3. Albites and Microclines

The feldspar mineral separates had not been totally purified and detailed powder x-ray diffraction work was not carried out. However, visual comparison of x-ray films on unheated and 1079 hour microcline indicated preservation of all lines in the 1079 hour film with a shift to shorter d spacings, believed due to the incorporation of Na into the microcline. Comparison of unheated albite and HB 920°C albite (heated at 920°C for 100 hours; Baadsgaard and van Breemen, unpublished results) films also indicated conservation of the albite structure with heating, although with some blurring of lines, probably due to a variable degree of substitution of K for Na.

Both albite and microcline have likely undergone a slight degree of (Al, Si) disordering by 1079 hours at 890°C. Although rates of disordering of alkali feldspars vary, the process is very slow under dry conditions except at temperatures near the melting point of the mineral. For example, McKie and McConnell (in The Feldspars, 1974, Vol. 1, Smith, ed.) found that the Amelia albite underwent only about 30% of the maximum possible disordering during dry heating for approximately 1000 hours at 920°C. In the present experiment, the cross-hatched and monoclinic twinning of microcline and albite were retained in the heated samples, suggesting a still ordered structure for these minerals.

Albite and microcline do not appear to have decomposed during the heating experiment, although some structural rearrangement, i.e. disordering, may have occurred. Since these minerals contain no water, heating has not disrupted the lattices significantly into mosaics, and



thus alkali ion exchange between the feldspars probably occurs mainly via volume diffusion.



## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

When the Prosperous Lake Granite (a quartz monzonite) was subjected to heating in air at 890°C for varying periods of time up to 1079 hours, substantial relocation of alkali (Na, K, Rb) and strontium ions between minerals was found to occur. A combination of Rb/Sr isotopic and electron microprobe techniques was used for analysis. Potassium was lost from all the K-minerals (biotite, muscovite, microcline) with a commensurate gain in sodium. Sodium was lost and an equivalent amount of potassium gained by albite. Thus, alkali ion exchange occurred between the K- and Na-minerals in the rock. Rubidium and radiogenic strontium were found to decrease in heated biotite, whereas rubidium increased and radiogenic strontium (possibly also normal Sr) decreased in heated muscovite. There was no net change in the concentrations of any other elements in any mineral with heating.

An idealized diffusion model (for diffusion out of or into a semi-infinite medium) was applied to analyse the concentration-time data, resulting in plots of concentration versus square root of time for the previously mentioned elements in each mineral. The plots should be linear if the diffusion model is applicable and if the ionic migrations are diffusion controlled. In fact, all the concentration versus square root of time data were observed to adhere to a linear relationship relatively well, except those for Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  in muscovite (where there was no concentration change up to approximately 100 hours, after which the concentration versus square root of time plots appeared to show a linear increase or decrease). Diffusion coefficients were calculated from the slopes of the linear portions of the curves, assuming diffusion out of an infinitely thin plate, and the effective dimension for dif-





fusion to equal the average mineral grain size. The values obtained for diffusion coefficients,  $D$ , varied from  $10^{-15}$  to  $10^{-12}$   $\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$ , with the highest values for loss of K, Rb, and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  from biotite, intermediate values for loss of K and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  and gain of Rb by muscovite and loss of K from microcline, and lowest values for loss of Na by albite. The values for different elements in a given mineral (biotite or muscovite) did not vary by more than a factor of five. The calculated diffusion coefficients were of comparable magnitude to results cited in the literature for diffusion of the alkali ions, Na, K, and Rb in pure mica and feldspar minerals.

Since Na or K loss from the minerals occurred via a process of ion exchange, the calculated coefficients for Na or K diffusion were actually interdiffusion, not self-diffusion, coefficients. From considerations of interdiffusion in section B.2 of Results and Discussion, exchange of Na and K appeared to be determined by the diffusivity of the less mobile ion, K. In particular, the diffusion coefficient calculated for the loss of Na from albite was probably equivalent to a self-diffusion coefficient for K in albite. Coefficients calculated for loss of K by the K-minerals would have referred to interdiffusion coefficients, intermediate in value between the self-diffusion coefficients of Na and K in these minerals. The coefficients calculated for Rb and  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  migration in the micas were probably similar to self-diffusion coefficients, since these elements were present in trace concentrations in the minerals.

Qualitative information on Na and K relocation was obtained from electron microprobe work using wavelength dispersive analysis and x-ray scanning photography. These methods illustrated that the heated mineral grains had exchanged Na for K (or vice versa) to variable extents,



probably determined by grain size and the environment of the grains in the host rock. Also, sharp concentration gradients in a radial distribution were found in all the heated albites, but no gradients in microcline heated longer than 213 hours could be seen. X-ray diffraction indicated no decomposition of albite or microcline, minerals which could be expected to be stable under the conditions of the heating experiment. Apparently, volume diffusion, and the mobility of the larger cation, K, mainly governed ion exchange between the two feldspar minerals.

X-ray scanning photographs of heated muscovites and biotites did not exhibit Na and K concentration variations in a pattern which could be correlated to volume diffusion. Some areas of high Na concentration in bands through grains, along cracks and grain boundaries, suggested the importance of non-volume diffusion in the mica minerals. In photographs of heated biotite, Fe and Mg were found to have localized and concentrated in blebs on a scale of a few microns. However, there was no change in the homogeneous distributions of elements, e.g. Si and Al, and no relation of the Fe and Mg variations to Na and K concentration distributions.

Powder x-ray diffraction work was carried out on the heated and unheated micas. In conjunction with the x-ray scanning photographs, the results indicated that heated biotite had significantly decomposed to hematite, the amount of hematite formed increasing with increasing duration of heating. However, much of the dehydrated biotite (oxybiotite) structure was also retained up to the longest heating time. The dehydrated muscovite structure appeared to be more stable to thermal destruction, and only in the longest heated samples was there any





evidence of slight decomposition to  $\gamma$ -alumina or spinel.

In summary, Rb,  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ , Na, and K ions migrated between minerals, on scales approximately equal to the grain size, upon heating of the Prosperous Lake Granite. Other elements remained stationary, or, in the minerals undergoing decomposition (micas), Fe, Mg, and Al moved only over distances of a few microns or less. The experiment was conducted under almost completely anhydrous conditions. Thus, all migration must be accounted for by solid state migration (volume or non-volume diffusion), with no contribution from movement through intergranular water or dissolution-reprecipitation reactions. At least two of the constituents of the rock, biotite and muscovite, decomposed to some extent during the experiment.

Difficulties arose in quantifying the rates of migration of the above ions, due to sample variability and contamination because of inability to completely separate the minerals. Although, on the basis of theoretical considerations, a diffusion model was chosen, most of the scattered concentration data would have fit a first order or zero-order rate model equally well. A rate controlled reaction, e.g. in particular, decomposition of muscovite or biotite, could therefore control the rate of release, acceptance, and migration of an ion in the rock, or at least within that mineral. However, muscovite did not significantly decompose during the experiment, making rate control by decomposition unlikely. Diffusion in the micas was probably speeded up by the creation of new diffusion paths where non-volume diffusion could occur due to dehydration. In light of the complications, it is actually surprising that the "diffusion coefficients" calculated in the experiment were so similar to values obtained by other workers studying the dif-





fusion of ions in stable minerals.

In simplified terms, the diffusivity of ions in a given lattice should decrease with increasing ionic size and charge, if the effect of water is ignored. The results of this thesis support the above statement, in that except for  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$ , only the monovalent alkali cations underwent migration on significant scales in the heating experiment. Higher charged cations moved only on a submicroscopic scale (Fe, Mg) or apparently not at all (Ca, Si). However, the divalent  $\text{Sr}^{87\text{r}}$  ion re-located as much as the alkali ions, whereas Ca, Mg, and  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$  did not. Evidently, the phases involved in ion exchange, the ions moving, and thus the migration rates observed, cannot depend on only diffusion rates and kinetic factors. Thermodynamic factors must also exert a great deal of control.

For example, what could be expected to happen if a rock whose minerals were in chemical and isotopic equilibrium at the time and under the conditions of its formation was later reheated? If the conditions of formation and reheating were similar, the equilibrium should not be disturbed; no matter how rapid the diffusion, e.g. of K ions, re-equilibration should result in concentrations the same as present initially. For radiogenic nuclides the situation is different. These nuclides accumulate with time due to decay of their radioactive parents, and are trapped in sites in minerals which are usually geochemically and thermodynamically unfavorable. Thus, on reheating of a rock, there is a driving force for radiogenic isotopes to re-equilibrate by migration even if other elements are still in equilibrium between minerals. Such are the processes assumed to result in diffusive loss of radiogenic nuclides with metamorphism.



If a rock is subjected to conditions different (especially more strenuous conditions) from the original equilibrium, other changes tending in the direction of a new equilibrium, will also occur. At higher temperatures, because of shifts in equilibria, increasing substitution of K for Na, or Na for K can result, to the extremes seen in the present experiment, but also under geologic conditions, e.g. Lambert (1959, in Deer, Howie, and Zussman, 1962) found that the Na contents of muscovites increased with metamorphic grade.

In the present experiment, a situation very much perturbed from normal geological conditions was produced. Some minerals were grossly destabilized and began to decompose. Schneider (1974) found that biotites from granitic rocks around a crater impact had partially oxidized and decomposed to oxybiotite and iron oxides, with a diffusion of K out of, and Ca and Na into the lattice. However, under most metamorphic conditions such processes would only occur to a minor degree. At the lower temperatures usually considered when evaluating too low radiometric ages, alkali ions would not be expected to relocate significantly, not because of diffusive and kinetic factors, but because of equilibrium considerations and limited solid solution of these ions for each other in minerals.

Examining data from the present experiment, it is apparent that radiogenic strontium has been lost by the mica minerals, as would occur under metamorphic conditions, and that the alkalis have migrated due to the very high temperatures employed. Because of decomposition of minerals, and the disequilibrium conditions to which the rock was subjected, the results of this thesis cannot be interpreted to yield quantitative data on the diffusion of geochronologically important nuclides. The



present experiment, albeit at the extremes of geologic reality, has indicated that atomic relocation in a rock is affected by a summation of kinetic and thermodynamic factors, which may be inseparable. From both the investigator's and investigatee's points of view, only time will tell.





## BIBLIOGRAPHY

ASTM Card Index, Powder X-Ray Diffraction Data File.

Akizuki, M., Konno, H., Yamauchi, N. and Sunagawa, I. 1965. Thermal transformation of lepidomelane. *Min. Mag.*, 40, 239-249.

Baadsgaard, H. and van Breemen, O. 1970. Thermally induced migration of Rb and Sr in an adamellite. *Eclogae geol. Helv.*, 63, 31-44.

Beswick, A.E. 1973. An experimental study of alkali metal distributions in feldspars and micas. *Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta*, 37, 183-208.

Catanzaro, E.J., Murphy, T.J., Garner, E.L. and Shields, W.R. 1969. Absolute isotopic abundance ratio and atomic weight of terrestrial rubidium. *J. Res. N.B.S.*, 73A, 511-516.

Compston, W., Chappell, B.W., Arriens, P.A. and Vernon, M.J. 1969. On the feasibility of NBS-70a K-feldspar as a Rb-Sr age reference sample. *Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta*, 33, 753-756.

Crank, J. 1975. The Mathematics of Diffusion. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2nd edition, 414 p.

Deer, W.A., Howie, R.A. and Zussman, J. 1962. Rock-Forming Minerals, Vol. 3. Sheet Silicates. Longmans, Green and Co. Ltd., London, 270 p.

Deer, W.A., Howie, R.A. and Zussman, J. 1963. Rock-Forming Minerals, Vol. 4. Framework Silicates. Longmans, Green and Co. Ltd., London, 435 p.

deLaeter, J.R. and Abercrombie, I.D. 1970. Mass spectrometric isotope dilution analyses of Rb and Sr in standard rocks. *Earth Planet. Sci. Lett.*, 9, 327-330.



- Eberhart, J.-P. 1963 A. Etude de la muscovite deshydratée entre 700 et 1000 °C. Acad. Sci. Paris, Comptes Rendus, 256, 3711-3714.
- Eberhart, J.-P. 1963 B. Etude des transformations du mica muscovite par chauffage entre 700 et 1200°C. Bull. Soc. franc. Mineral. Crist., 86, 213-251.
- Farmer, V.C., Russell, J.D., McHardy, W.J., Newman, A.C.D., Ahlrichs, J.L. and Rimsaite, J.Y.H. 1971. Evidence for loss of protons and octahedral iron from oxidized biotites and vermiculites. Mineral. Mag., 38, 121-137.
- Faure, G. and Powell, J.L. 1972. Strontium Isotope Geology, Springer-Verlag, 188 p.
- Foland, K.A. 1974. Alkali diffusion in orthoclase. in Geochemical Transport and Kinetics, A.W. Hofmann, B.J. Giletti, H.S. Yoder, Jr. and R.A. Yund, eds., Carnegie Institute of Washington, Publication 634, pp. 77-98.
- Franz, G. and Althaus, E. 1976. Experimental investigation on the formation of solid solutions in sodium-aluminum-magnesium micas. Neues Jahrbuch für Mineralogie, Abhandlungen, Band 126, Heft 3, 233-253.
- Giletti, B.J. 1974 A. Diffusion related to geochronology. in Geochemical Transport and Kinetics, A.W. Hofmann, B.J. Giletti, H.S. Yoder, Jr. and R.A. Yund, eds., Carnegie Institute of Washington, Publication 634, pp. 61-76.
- Giletti, B.J. 1974 B. Self-diffusion of potassium in low albite using an ion microprobe. G.S.A., Abstracts with Programs, 6, 754.
- Gray, N.H. 1971. Kinetic studies of contact metamorphic processes. Earth Planet. Sci. Lett., 11, 205-210.



- Hanson, G.N. and Gast, P.W. 1967. Kinetic studies in contact metamorphic zones. *Geochim. Cosmochim. Acta*, 31, 1119-1154.
- Hart, S.R., Davis, G.L., Steiger, R.H. and Tilton, G.R. 1968. A comparison of the isotopic mineral age variations and petrologic changes induced by contact metamorphism. in Radiometric Dating for Geologists, E.I. Hamilton and R.M. Farquhar, eds., Interscience Publishers, pp. 73-110.
- Hewitt, D.A. and Gilbert, M.C. 1975. Experimental metamorphic petrology. *Reviews of Geophysics and Space Physics*, 13, 79-81.
- Hofmann, A.W. 1974. Diffusion of Ca and Sr in a basalt melt. Annual Report of the Director, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, 1974-1975, Carnegie Institute of Washington, pp. 183-189.
- Hofmann, A.W. and Giletti, B.J. 1970. Diffusion of geochronologically important nuclides under hydrothermal conditions. *Eclogae geol. Helv.*, 63, 141-150.
- Hofmann, A.W., Giletti, B.J., Hinthorne, J.R., Andersen, C.A. and Comaford, D. 1974. Ion microprobe analysis of a potassium self-diffusion experiment in biotite. *Earth Planet. Sci. Lett.*, 24, 48-52.
- Hogg, C.S. and Meads, R.E. 1975. A Mossbauer study of thermal decomposition of biotites. *Mineral. Mag.*, 40, 79-88.
- Jost, W. 1960. Diffusion in Solids, Liquids, Gases, Academic Press Inc., 3rd printing with Addendum, 558 A94 p.
- Kasper, Robert B. 1974. Cation diffusion in a low albite. *G.S.A., Abstracts with Programs*, 6, 815.
- Lin, T.-H. and Yund, R.A. 1972. Potassium and sodium self-diffusion in alkali feldspar. *Contrib. Mineral. Petrol.*, 34, 177-184.





- Manning, John R. 1968. Diffusion Kinetics for Atoms in Crystals, D. Van Nostrand Co. Inc., 257 p.
- Moorbath, S. 1967. Recent advances in the application and interpretation of radiometric ages. *Earth Science Rev.*, 3, 111-133.
- NBS 1972. National Bureau of Standards, Certificate of Analysis, Standard Reference Material 607, Potassium Feldspar.
- NBS 1973. National Bureau of Standards, Certificate of Analysis, Standard Reference Material 987, Strontium Carbonate.
- Nicol, A.W. and Roy, R. 1965. Some observations on the system muscovite-paragonite. *Can. J. Earth Sci.*, 2, 401-404.
- Petrovic, R. 1972. Diffusion of alkali ions in alkali feldspars. in The Feldspars, W.S. MacKenzie and J. Zussman, eds., Manchester University Press, published 1974, pp. 174-182.
- Roy, Rustum 1949. Decomposition and resynthesis of the micas. *J. Amer. Ceram. Soc.*, 32, 202-209.
- Schneider, H. 1974. Shock-induced thermal transformation of Ries-biotite. *Contrib. Mineral. Petrol.*, 43, 233-243.
- Smith, D.G.W., ed. 1976. Short Course in Microbeam Techniques, Mineralogical Assoc. of Canada, Coop Press, 186 p.
- Smith, J.V., ed. 1974. Feldspar Minerals, Springer-Verlag, Vol. 1. Crystal Structure and Physical Properties, 627 p., Vol. 2. Chemical and Textural Properties, 690 p.
- van Breemen, O. 1965. Thermally induced relocation of strontium and rubidium in a granodiorite, Unpublished M.Sc. thesis, University of Alberta, 34 p.



- Vedder, W. and Wilkins, R.W.T. 1969. Dehydroxylation and rehydroxylation, oxidation and reduction of micas. *Amer. Mineral.*, 54, 482-509.
- White, A.D. and Sharp, J.H. 1971. Thermal behaviour of iron-containing micas in oxidising, reducing, and neutral atmospheres. *J. Chem. Soc.(A)*, pp. 3062-3066.
- Wones, D.R. and Eugster, H.P. 1965. Stability of biotite: experiment, theory and application. *Amer. Mineral.*, 50, 1228-1272.



## APPENDIX

### A. Experimental Techniques

#### 1. Isotopic Analysis for Rubidium and Strontium

Rb and Sr determinations were carried out on heated and unheated muscovites and biotites and on the unheated microcline samples by the method of isotope dilution or "spiking".

Enough sample estimated to contain approximately 20 microgram of Rb was decomposed by heating in a platinum crucible using 5 ml. vapour distilled HF, 5 ml. demineralized distilled water, and 5 drops of concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . About 20 microgram of almost pure  $\text{Rb}^{87}$  spike was added and equilibrated with the sample, which was then evaporated to dryness and ignited at  $900^\circ\text{C}$ . The residue was leached with distilled water, and the potassium and rubidium were precipitated by the addition of "suprapur" concentrated  $\text{HClO}_4$ . The precipitate was redissolved in a few drops of distilled water in preparation for mass spectrometric analysis.

In the analytical procedure for strontium, enough sample was weighed to give approximately 20 microgram of normal (non-radiogenic) Sr. The sample was decomposed by heating in a teflon beaker with 10-15 ml. each of pure vapour distilled concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  and HF. A spike containing 20 microgram of almost pure  $\text{Sr}^{84}$  was added and equilibrated with the sample. The solution was evaporated to dryness and the residue taken up in a mixture of  $\text{HNO}_3$  and water, and redried several times. Strontium was collected from a concentrated  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution of the sample by coprecipitation with  $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , after the addition of strontium-free barium solution (approximately 10 mg. total Ba was added). The washed precipitate was dissolved in HCl and placed onto a pre-calibrated Dowex





cation exchange column, which was eluted with 2.5 M. vapour distilled HCl. The eluate fraction containing Sr was collected and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in a few drops of distilled water to load it onto filaments.

Both Rb and Sr were loaded onto previously outgassed tantalum filaments. For all of the strontium and some of the rubidium work, single tantalum filaments were used. The filament was oxidized by passing a current through it, and small amounts of Rb or Sr containing solution were added and evaporated under a heat lamp until a residue was built up on the filament. Sr on the filament was treated with  $\text{HClO}_4$  for ultimate conversion to the oxide form, and Rb with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  for conversion to the sulfate. Most of the Rb samples were re-analysed using triple filaments of tantalum. The Rb was loaded as one or two large drops onto the unoxidized center filament, and evaporated to Rb chloride; it was not converted to the sulfate salt. The side filaments were used for ionizing the sample.

The samples, after loading onto filaments, were analysed on a six-inch solid source mass spectrometer, utilizing peak switching and digital voltmeter output. A 3.5 kV. accelerating voltage was used, and for single filament Sr and Rb runs, currents of approximately 2.4 and 1.3 amperes, respectively, were needed to ionize the samples. For triple filament Rb analyses, 0.4 amps. on the center (sample) filament and approximately 2.3 amps. on the side (ionizing) filaments were the operating conditions employed.

Peak switching data were converted to isotopic ratios by calculation of a running mean on the closely linear digital output. Several sets of data were collected and averaged, if possible. An APL



program, RBSRCOM, written by Dr. Baadsgaard, was used to calculate the Rb and Sr contents and isotopic composition of the samples, given sample weight, isotopic ratios in the spiked sample, and spike quantity and composition as input.

All Sr isotopic data were corrected for fractionation by normalizing ratios to  $\text{Sr}^{86}/\text{Sr}^{88} = 0.1194$ . The Eimer and Amend  $\text{SrCO}_3$  standard with  $\text{Sr}^{87}/\text{Sr}^{86} = 0.70794$  (NBS, 1973) was run twice during the course of this work, and ratios of  $0.7071 \pm 0.0008$  and  $0.7088 \pm 0.0012$  were obtained. A value of  $0.7080 \pm 0.0005$  is the average of six determinations on this standard in the U. of A. isotope laboratories from 1972 to 1975.

An analysis of Sr in NBS feldspar 607 (NBS 70-a feldspar), a standard reference material, was also carried out and gave the following results:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Sr}^{\text{N}} = 62.35 \text{ p.p.m.} \\ \text{Sr}^{87\text{r}} = 2.96 \text{ p.p.m.} \end{array} \right\} \text{ total Sr} = 65.3 \text{ p.p.m.}$$

$$\text{Sr}^{87}/\text{Sr}^{86} = 1.200$$

These results compare very favorably with the values (NBS, 1972) stated on the certificate of analysis (total Sr =  $65.5 \pm 0.3$  p.p.m.,  $\text{Sr}^{87}/\text{Sr}^{86} = 1.2004 \pm 0.0002$ ), or with those of Compston et al. (1969). Two blank determinations using no sample for the total Sr analytical procedure yielded approximately 7 nanogram of  $\text{Sr}^{\text{N}}$  for the blank (as compared to 20 microgram per sample). Analytical precision is thus estimated to include a total error less than 0.5% of the total amount present for Sr analyses.

To calculate Rb concentrations, an atomic ratio of  $\text{Rb}^{85}/\text{Rb}^{87} = 2.600$  was assumed. Single filament Rb runs usually showed appreciable





isotopic fractionation (1-2% ), and the first set of data obtained was selected as closest to the actual value; however, the precision on each set of data was better than two parts per thousand. Three single filament determinations on the same sample of NBS-feldspar 607 yielded results of 516, 509, and 507 p.p.m. for Rb concentration. The NBS certificate of analysis states  $524 \pm 1$  p.p.m., Compston et al. (1969) obtained 530 p.p.m., and deLaeter and Abercrombie (1970) recommend a value of 525 p.p.m. Several unspiked single filament Rb runs on a mixture of Rb and K chloride ("normal" Rb) resulted in values for the  $\text{Rb}^{85}/\text{Rb}^{87}$  ratios from 2.560 to 2.591 as compared to the accepted value of 2.600 (the Shields value is  $2.593 \pm 0.002$  (Catanzaro et al. (1969))). It can therefore be seen that Rb determinations could be inaccurate by 1-2% due to isotopic fractionation.

Triple filament runs in most cases did not show significant fractionation (over 0.3%); if fractionation was observed, the run was repeated. Thus several sets of data from one run could be averaged. Eight analyses of "normal" Rb yielded  $\text{Rb}^{85}/\text{Rb}^{87} = 2.596 \pm 0.005$  (one  $\sigma$ ). The error is only slightly greater than the standard deviation of data from a single run. Two analyses on the above sample of NBS feldspar indicated 517 p.p.m. Rb; 519, 519, and 516 p.p.m. were the results obtained on another sample of the feldspar. These runs again had precision of better than two parts per thousand. Since very small sample weights were used for Rb determinations, another few parts per thousand error may have been introduced in weighing. However, it appears that intralaboratory precision on Rb determinations using triple filaments is better than 0.5%.





## 2. X-Ray Diffraction

The unheated and some of the heated purified mineral separates were analysed by means of x-ray diffraction. A Philips x-ray instrument was employed and powder photographs were taken using a camera of 57.3 mm. radius with coarse collimators. All minerals except biotite were exposed to Cu K $\alpha$  radiation with Ni filter for 1.5 hours at 35 kV. and 15 mA. For biotites Fe K $\alpha$  radiation with Mn filter was utilized at operating conditions of 35 kV., 10 mA., and with 3 hour exposure time. The 2 $\theta$  positions of the lines were measured, converted to d spacings and compared with tabulations in the ASTM card index. Films were not corrected for shrinkage, since in all cases this appeared to be less than 0.1 mm. Intensity estimates were made visually, with the strongest line assigned an intensity of 100.

## 3. Microprobe Analysis

Grain mounts of unheated and heated mineral separates were prepared for microprobe study. Mounts in plastic were made of one of the unheated minerals ("B"), and of samples heated for 2.5, 100, 213, 405, 802, and 1079 hours for each of the minerals biotite, muscovite, microcline, and albite. The micas were the same samples previously analysed by mass spectrometry. The feldspars, although slightly contaminated with each other and quartz, could be distinguished under the electron beam. Thin sections of the undisseminated heated and unheated rocks were also prepared for microprobe study.

Total elemental analyses were carried out utilizing an ARL-EMX microprobe with energy dispersive analysis (Smith, ed., 1976). A description of the standards that were selected is given in Table XV.



TABLE XV

Standards Used in Microprobe Analysis

Albite Ab-80: feldspar glass prepared by J.V. Smith

Elemental composition:

Si: 29.63%  
Al: 12.20%  
Ca: 3.02%  
Na: 6.93%  
O: 48.22%

Mount number EP/S6-2

Orthoclase Or-1: from Bernard Evans (Berkeley), Ingamells analysed

Elemental composition:

Si: 30.10%  
Al: 9.83%  
Fe: 0.023% ( $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$ )  
Na: 0.85%  
K: 12.39%  
O: 46.03%

Mount number EP/S11-3

D-Hypersthene H66: from J.V. Smith

Elemental composition:

Si: 24.70%  
Ti: 0.06%  
Al: 2.30%  
Fe: 11.70% ( $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$ )  
Mg: 16.10%  
Mn: 0.20%  
Ca: 0.20%  
O: 44.44%

Mount number EP/S6-9



Operating conditions included an operating voltage of 15 kV and beam current of 300 nanoamps.

The albite was used as the standard for the elements Al, Ca, and Na; hypersthene for Mg and Fe; and orthoclase for Si and K. Standards for any other elements were not included.

Data were accumulated on magnetic tape for the above standards, for the samples, and for a calibration standard, willemite. Counting times were 400 seconds (corrected for dead time) for each set of data. Using a focussed electron beam, automated beam scanning over an area of approximately 100-400 square microns was utilized in order to obtain a representative average analysis for a grain and to minimize damage to the mineral by the electron beam. The latter effect could be significant in all of the mineral samples and in both feldspar standards. Several grains or parts of grains were analysed within the 400 second counting time for the standards.

On the whole rock thin sections, two to four grains of the mineral to be analysed were located; the sample was moved continuously under the electron beam by hand to reduce the effect of inhomogeneities and to get an average composition for these grains. For the grain mounts of individual minerals, 20 to 25 grains were analysed with beam scanning (near the center of each grain, particularly for the feldspars) during the 400 seconds. The mineral being examined could be recognized by its appearance under reflected light or by the colour of the cathodoluminescent spot produced by electron impact.

It was attempted to analyse all samples of one mineral, e.g. all microclines, sequentially on one day, eliminating effects due to variability of counts on the standards from day to day. The tape data containing





counting statistics on samples and standards were read into the FORTRAN program EDATA, which calculates for output the weight percent concentrations of elements from Na to Zn (plus Zr and Ba). Default values for standards, included in the program, could be used when working standards for some elements were not included in the analysis (Smith, ed., 1976). Thus, for all the trace elements, and one minor element (Ti) in the minerals analysed, default values were utilized as standards. This procedure is quite adequate for the determination of elements present in low concentrations. Accumulated data on the aforementioned standards were used for the determination of the major elements Na, K, Ca, Mg, Fe, Al, and Si.

In the calculation of analytical compositions, minor amounts (less than 0.1% by weight) of trace elements, which could be due to the sample holder, e.g. Zn, or vacuum oil, e.g. S, Cl, were discarded. Some of the output data had to be modified because of incorrect default values in the computer program during part of the time this investigation was being conducted. Further calculations were carried out only on corrected data.

A short APL program CALC was written to convert the analytical data from weight percent elements to weight percent oxides basis using oxide conversion factors (appendix; Smith, ed., 1976). The data were also recalculated to an atomic basis, i.e. the number of ions of each element with respect to a specified number of oxygens. For the albites and microclines, 32 oxygens were assumed. For the muscovites 22 oxygens were selected; this number is approximately equivalent to  $24(O, OH)$  usually quoted in mica analyses, and was more applicable to the heated micas which had lost most of their water contents. Biotite analyses were



calculated assuming all iron to be present in the ferric state, a reasonable assumption for all the heated samples. An additional 1 to 1.5 oxygens would be needed to oxidize the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  present in the original unheated biotite, therefore, all biotite analyses were calculated on the basis of 23.5 oxygens for the sake of consistency. Very similar ionic concentrations on unheated biotites and muscovites were obtained when  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents and  $\text{FeO}/\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  ratios from Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970) were used for the calculations on the basis of  $24(\text{O}, \text{OH})$ , and when numbers of both  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  were computed.

A qualitative investigation of the minerals in grain mounts was also conducted with wavelength dispersive analysis. Three spectrometers were available on the microprobe and were set up to determine Ca, K and Na for the feldspars, and Si, K and Na for the micas. Fifty second counting times were employed to examine 10 to 20 grains of the unheated (or 2.5 hour) and longest heated (1079 hour) minerals. Usually counts were obtained with beam scanning over a small area (approximately 100 square microns) at two locations in each grain. One 50 second count on quartz (containing essentially no Na, K, or Ca and found as a contaminant with albite) was used as an indication of the background count rates for these elements in the feldspars. This procedure was selected to determine the variability of the cation concentrations from grain to grain or within grains.

The presence of concentration gradients within grains was also examined by taking x-ray scanning photographs with the spectrometers set at the wavelengths for various elements of interest. Areas from  $(20 \text{ microns})^2$  to  $(300 \text{ microns})^2$  were investigated for possible gradients or nucleation





of new phases. Wavelength dispersive counting and beam scanning photographs were done under operating conditions of 15 kV and 100 nanoamps.

## B. Microprobe Analyses in Oxide Percents

Analyses of minerals by electron microprobe energy dispersive analysis calculated in terms of oxide percents are given in Tables XVI through XIX. All analyses are of 20 to 25 grains in grain mounts with beam scanning unless otherwise indicated.

Weight percent oxide totals are very high for biotite and albite analyses, possibly due to volatilization of Na and K in the albite glass and orthoclase standards, which would result in too high values for alkalis and too low values for other elements in the samples being analysed. Corrections have been made in the microprobe program, EDATA, since the time that the present analyses were calculated, to account for oil build-up in the microprobe. If the data are recalculated, oxide totals lower by 1% to 2% than the values given in the tables result, well as increased Na (by approximately 0.5%  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ) contents and decreases in other elements for the K-containing minerals compared to data in the tables. Thus, volatilization of standards may not have to invoked to account for the high oxide totals. However, since not all the original tape data were available for recalculation, and since the correction appears to be systematic, the original data have been retained. It is believed that the correction would not affect the interpretations of microprobe data in Sections B.1 and B.2 of the Results and Discussion.

Oxide totals for muscovites, on the other hand, are extremely low. A possible explanation is that because of the delamination and expansion of heated muscovite, epoxy was incorporated between sheets of muscovite,





and inadvertently included in areas of analyses, resulting in overall low values for all elements. Also, an improper conducting coating applied to the muscovite mineral mount could result in similar behaviour. When data are recalculated to an atomic basis, the errors in analysis represented by the low oxide totals probably become negligible.



TABLE XVI

## Albite Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides

Albite Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na <sub>2</sub> O	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	CaO	Σ oxides
O <sub>E</sub> <sup>*</sup>	11.00	21.16	67.54	0.12	1.94	101.77
O <sub>B</sub>	11.01	21.09	68.25	0.34	1.63	102.33
2.5	11.03	21.55	68.03	0.32	1.88	102.81
100	11.16	21.62	68.18	0.37	1.82	103.14
213	10.96	21.80	68.11	0.40	2.00	103.27
405	10.89	21.50	67.82	0.49	1.88	102.58
802	10.81	21.77	68.19	0.70	1.96	103.42
1079	10.61	21.69	67.92	0.80	1.94	103.04

\* - thin section, average of 4 grains with hand scanning.

O<sub>E</sub> and O<sub>B</sub> refer to unheated albites E and B.



TABLE XVII  
Microcline Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides

Microcline Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na <sub>2</sub> O	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	CaO	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> +BaO <sup>**</sup>	Σ oxides
* 0 <sub>A</sub> *	0.17	18.58	64.33	15.44	---	0.43 <sup>#</sup>	98.93
0 <sub>E</sub>	----	18.35	65.75	15.78	---	0.22 <sup>#</sup>	100.09
2.5	0.28	18.73	65.87	16.14	.05	0.66	101.73
100	0.67	18.75	66.06	15.57	---	0.59	101.65
213	0.87	18.81	66.06	15.29	.06	0.85 <sup>#</sup>	101.95
405	1.22	18.78	65.96	14.81	.07	0.57	101.41
802	2.14	18.87	66.56	13.53	.06	0.57	101.72
1079	1.78	18.75	66.19	14.04	.08	0.39	101.24

\* - thin section, average of 4 grains with hand scanning  
# - plus ZrO<sub>2</sub>, 0.2% approximately  
\*\* - approximately equal amounts of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and BaO





TABLE XVIII

Muscovite Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides

Muscovite Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na <sub>2</sub> O	MgO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Σ oxides
0 <sub>B</sub>	0.13	0.25	34.84	46.09	10.72	0.81	1.71	0.21 <sup>*</sup>	94.76
2.5	0.25	0.36	34.68	46.26	10.61	0.68	1.84	0.25 <sup>**</sup>	94.93
100	0.66	0.27	33.83	44.87	9.77	0.86	1.70	0.17	92.12
213	0.73	0.29	34.37	45.11	9.66	0.73	1.82	0.20	92.90
405	0.71	0.21	34.15	44.58	9.65	0.78	1.71	0.17	91.95
802	1.20	0.28	34.78	45.52	9.15	0.82	1.75	0.12	93.62
1079	1.28	0.23	34.49	45.83	9.18	0.92	1.77	0.11	93.81

\* - includes 0.08% BaO

\*\* - includes 0.13% BaO



TABLE XIX

Biotite Analyses in Weight Percent Oxides

Biotite Sample (Heating Time (hours))	Na <sub>2</sub> O	MgO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MnO	NiO	ZnO	Σ oxides
0 <sub>B</sub> <sup>1</sup>	----	5.78	18.80	33.42	8.01	2.81	29.33	0.59	0.17	0.16	99.07
0 <sub>B</sub>	----	5.75	18.59	32.77	7.74	2.59	28.82	0.54	----	0.16	96.97
2.5	----	5.43	18.60	34.33	8.83	3.08	28.33	0.57	0.12	0.27	99.55
2.5 <sup>*</sup>	0.12	5.24	18.09	33.84	8.85	3.00	27.37	0.50	0.07	0.10	97.17
100	0.67	5.61	19.20	35.43	7.85	3.19	28.55	0.55	0.19	0.26	101.51
100 <sup>*</sup>	0.56	6.03	19.11	34.72	7.75	3.00	29.56	0.62	0.06	0.13	101.53
213	0.77	5.44	18.94	35.30	7.90	3.17	28.87	0.56	0.22	0.28	101.43
213 <sup>*</sup>	0.82	5.26	18.72	35.22	8.07	3.31	28.08	0.53	----	0.15	100.16
405	1.83	5.67	19.51	36.14	6.52	3.30	29.62	0.62	0.13	0.26	103.60
405 <sup>*</sup>	1.50	6.29	20.04	36.26	6.48	3.00	29.88	0.64	----	0.14	104.23
802	2.39	5.81	19.72	36.69	5.55	3.25	29.90	0.64	0.26	0.42	104.62
802 <sup>*</sup>	2.06	6.19	20.06	36.20	5.13	3.05	29.12	0.60	----	0.29	102.68
1079 <sup>1</sup>	2.23	5.80	19.59	37.62	5.97	3.36	29.21	0.59	----	0.32	104.89
1079 <sup>2</sup>	2.20	5.87	19.48	35.25	5.56	3.29	30.88	0.52	0.07	0.25	103.34

\* - analysis with static probe on 20 to 25 grains of grain mounts; other analyses refer to beam scanning on 20 to 25 grains of grain mounts.

	MgO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>#</sup>	FeO <sup>#</sup>	MnO	NiO	ZnO	H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>#</sup>	Σ oxides
0 <sub>B</sub> <sup>1</sup>	5.78	18.80	33.42	8.01	2.81	5.87	21.12	0.59	0.17	0.16	4.60	101.31
0 <sub>B</sub>	5.75	18.59	32.77	7.74	2.59	5.77	20.75	0.54	----	0.16	4.60	99.26

# - H<sub>2</sub>O and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/FeO ratios from Baadsgaard and van Breemen (1970)  
1 & 2 superscripts refer to duplicate analysts done on the same sample.







**B30185**